

# RENEW

Official Newsletter of Church of the Master



## A Letter from the Pastor:

by Pastor Jay Anderson

As I write this letter we are at the turn of the month. We are in the midst of a pandemic Halloween, the election is only a couple of days away, All Saints is upon us and our much anticipated return to in-person worship that we had planned for the last Sunday in October has been put off indefinitely as coronavirus cases have skyrocketed up to and beyond the numbers we experienced earlier in the year. We also enter into that season in the church call Stewardship season. It is in the fall of the year that most churches begin to think about what God is calling us to do and be in ministry in the following year and that we ask our church family to consider what percentage of their income God is calling each of us to contribute toward that ministry. This year is particularly challenging for us. Much of our ministry plans for this year had to turn on a dime when the pandemic forced us to shut down our building for a time, and limit our gatherings, at times, to ten or fewer people. It forced us to rethink how we did worship, what it meant to "clean" the sanctuary and the building, and it made many of us learn how to use Zoom - something most of us had never heard of as recently as February of this year.

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The pandemic challenged our staff to find new and creative ways to communicate with and be in supportive and Christ-centered relationships with youth, children, parents, and our older members when in-person gatherings or visits were not permitted much of the time. For me personally, I haven't been able to make in-person pastoral care visits in months, rather relying on phone calls, emails, cards, and text messages to be in touch. For those of our church family who lived in independent living or assisted living situations, visits have been stopped or limited to either outdoor or through a window - neither of which are ideal. And I think all of us just miss being able to shake hands, give hugs, or throw an arm around a shoulder in love and support of friend and family alike. No, this pandemic has altered nearly everything we do in ministry. And that doesn't appear to be going to change any time soon.

So as we enter our Stewardship season this year in November we will be hearing in worship from some of our ministry leaders about how their ministry area was impacted this year, and what they hope to be able to do in ministry next year, hopefully on the other side of this pandemic. We will also continue to learn the nuances of providing live-stream worship so that at least, if we can't all be together worshiping in-person, we can at least strive to worship together in time. We expect to receive two more persons into membership this month, the last two from our membership class who weren't able to be with us when others were received in October. That will bring our new members received this year, including our eight confirmands, to twenty-seven - not bad for being in the midst of a pandemic. And finally, on Consecration Sunday on November 22nd, we will invite you to make your commitments to what God is calling to you give to support the mission and ministry of the church in 2021. On that day, following our live-stream worship, we will invite you to then bring your commitment cards to a drive-thru receiving area at the front of the church where will receive your commitments and give you a token of appreciation in return.

None of this is how we thought this year would proceed. None if this is "how we've always done it," that's for sure. But God goes with us during this time, guiding us, inspiring us to find new ways of being the church with those in our community and our world who so need to know the love of Jesus Christ in their lives through how we are in our lives. May God bless you in this season of the Saints and as we move through our time of commitment and into a time of Thanksgiving. And may you know and be the love of Christ to all those you encounter along the way.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Jay



Carol Shackson has returned to Colorado with her daughter Laurie until mid to late December. Cards and letters can reach her at:

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# Congregational Updates

## Stewardship Season

by Greg Shaw, Stewardship Chair

As the autumn leaves fall and the days get shorter, we are reminded that Thanksgiving is on the horizon. I want to call to your attention what I consider to be another season of thanks-giving – our Stewardship Campaign.

Our pledged offerings to our church are an expression of thanksgiving for our blessings and a representation of our commitment to build God's kingdom in our community.

During the month of November, we will focus on five key areas of ministry with the publication of a narrative budget document. This report presents information about activities and funding involving Worship, Education, Missions, Congregational Care, and Fellowship. These ministry areas work in concert to nourish our discipleship and bond us as a congregation as we seek to live out our faith. These five topics will also be the subject of Stewardship Moments during worship on November 8, 15, and 22. The 22<sup>nd</sup> will be Consecration Sunday, when pledge cards will be accepted in person. You will be receiving a 2021 pledge card in the mail shortly, along with our 2021 Narrative Budget. Your pledged financial support is an outward sign of your commitment to enable our church to continue to build the Master's community.

## Support WARM

by Tiffany McGinnis

**Support WARM.** Drop off collections for WARM **Saturday, November 7th** in the church parking lot between 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.. We are happy to deliver your food or monetary donations (checks made payable to Church of the Master with WARM in the memo section). This is a great way to let the community know that Church of the Master is still actively engaged in caring for our community.

*Current needs at WARM include:* canned chicken & tuna, peanut butter & jelly, spaghetti sauce, beef & chicken & vegetable stock, mayo, ketchup, salad dressing, BBQ sauce, canned soups, Ramen noodles, shampoo, body wash, bar soap, deodorant, tooth paste, razors, tooth brushes, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, laundry & dish soap and diapers size 5&6.

## Heifer International Drive-Thru

by Janice Eddey

The Heifer Drive-thru on Oct. 24. brought in \$1300. I thank all of you who contributed. If you missed the event, you can send a check to Church of the Master with the memo line reading Heifer International. Thanks!



# Academic Allies

Would you like to help students, teachers and parents in Westerville City Schools as they navigate remote learning this school year? Academic Allies matches volunteers with academic subject matter expertise to students who will benefit most from their help.

Here's how it works:

- Teachers, school administrators and school counselors identify students who are eager to learn but struggling with remote learning.
- An Academic Ally will be paired with one student who will benefit from your experience and knowledge.
- You and your student meet during mutually agreed upon times for live, virtual conferencing sessions. A commitment of 1-4 hours weekly is recommended.
- Security procedures are in place to ensure the safety and security of students and volunteers.

Academic Allies is a partnership of the Westerville Education Foundation, Neighborhood Bridges and the Westerville City Schools in collaboration with the Ohio Retired Teachers Association. Join us to make a significant impact on the life of a child as they navigate this challenging time of remote learning.

Sign up to volunteer by completing [this form](#).

Our goal is to have **100 volunteers** committed as Academic Allies to support our students **by November 12th**. Please consider joining our team today! Learn more here: [www.westervilleeducationfoundation.com/academic-allies](http://www.westervilleeducationfoundation.com/academic-allies)

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# Amazon Smile Holiday Season

by Bill Ruff



*Make a difference this holiday. Shop for gifts at [smile.amazon.com/ch/31-4384859](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-4384859) to generate donations for Church of the Master United Methodist.*



# Children's Ministry News

by Erin Flory

## Outdoor M&Ms Returns - Let's Get Ready for Christmas!!

Our plans were to return to in-person M&Ms in the sanctuary Thursday evenings in November. It is clear that with the current health conditions, that is no longer a wise decision. Instead, we are going to spend November preparing for our virtual children's Christmas program "Christmas Snapshots." This is something completely new for this year! I'm hoping it will be a fun, meaningful and safe way for our children to share the message of Christmas with our church family.

Here's a quick overview:

1. "Christmas Snapshots" will tell the Christmas story like we are looking through a photo album with snapshots from each part of the Christmas story. We will take pictures of kids in costumes, posing for each separate scene.
2. We will use all pre-recorded music. The children will not be singing, but that hasn't stopped Miss Kitty! She is ready with sign language, kazoos, motions, cowboy hats, bandanas, animal headbands and a whole bunch of other fun to use music in a new way this year :)
3. 1st-5th graders who would like to have a speaking part can read a narrator part or a passage of Scripture.
4. We will practice all of these things in small chunks, record and piece together for our virtual program!

We are going to practice and record outside. Since it will be dark by 5:30 p.m. after we change our clocks, Thursday evenings are no longer going to work for M&Ms. Instead, we are going to meet Sunday mornings at 11:30 a.m. in the church parking lot. With the roofing project now finished, we can make it work to just have one time slot. Bring a chair and come dressed for the weather! If it is above 20 degrees and not raining, M&Ms will be on! Children are expected to wear masks and be safely distanced.

Sunday, November 1st  
All ages

Sunday, November 15th  
1st-5th grade only

Sunday, November 8th  
All ages

Sunday, November 22nd  
1st-5th grade only

\*Each week we will practice and record a new section of the program. We understand that some kids may not be able to make it every Sunday. We have planned things so that if you have to miss a week, you can still be involved!

# M&Ms Kids in Mission

One of the best ways to give thanks to God for the many blessings God gives us is by reaching out to others in need. Join us this month in preparing snack packs for the Ronald McDonald House as a way to share God's love with others. These snacks are provided to parents of children receiving care at Nationwide Children's Hospital, making it easier for the parents to stay by their child's side without needing to leave to get something to eat.

You can pack as many gallon size bags as you would like with an assortment of shelf stable, nutritious breakfast, lunch or snack items. Please include at least two snacks per bag.

## Snack ideas:

Fruit cups      cheese or peanut butter crackers      granola bars      cereal bars

Small individual bags of popcorn      small boxes of cereal or oatmeal packets

Pop-Tarts      microwaveable soups      applesauce cups      individual bags of pretzels

\*Please include a plastic spoon if needed for the snack item.

Bring your snack packs to the church **Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Miss Erin will deliver them to the Ronald McDonald House.



## Save the Date for VBS/Day Camp 2021!

Mark your calendars to join us for "Discovery on Adventure Island" the week of **June 21-25, 2021!** We have Sugarbush Day Camp reserved and look forward to a wonderful week learning how God's light shines. There is much still up in the air about this coming summer, but we are optimistically looking forward to being able to be together in some form this coming summer for VBS/Day Camp. Save the date and make plans to join us on the "Island!"



## Congratulations 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders!

We had the joy of presenting Bibles to our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders during our October Outdoor M&Ms. Each child received a Deep Blue Kids Bible. This is one of the best Bibles available that is designed for kids. It is a CEB translation, so the text is easy enough for the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to read on their own plus they can read and follow along in worship! We know God will be at work in the lives of each of these children as they read God's Word. Congratulation to the following 3<sup>rd</sup> graders:

Lucas Anderson

Maevin Fedak

Matthew Flory

Ericka Lotz

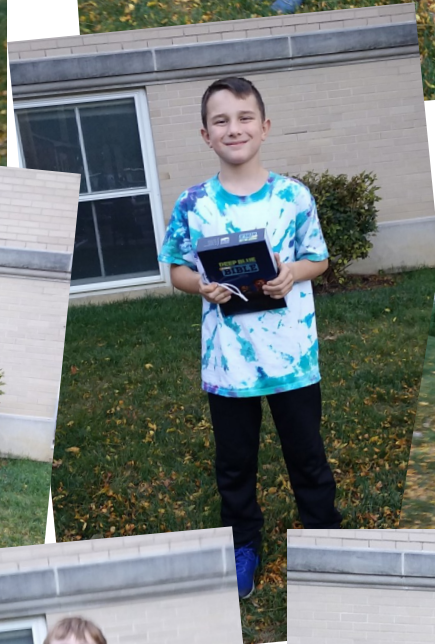
Leo Porretta

Micah Shear

Lucas Thorpe

Jessica Watson

# Congratulations 3rd Graders!!!





# Youth Ministry News

## Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)

by Bev Pancoast

The Church of the Master Youth Ministry program is open to all youth in grades 6-12. Our Youth will meet (unless noted elsewhere) in 2 groups—Junior High (Grades 6-8) and High School Grades (9-12). Weather permitting, we will meet outside, with masks and safe distancing. Groups will start together and then break into the 2 groups for age level ministry time. If the weather is not conducive to meeting, we will meet on Zoom instead. The Zoom link will be sent out weekly via email and text. If you have youth aged students and do not receive youth ministry emails, please contact Bev at [youth@chmaster.org](mailto:youth@chmaster.org) or 330-416-4656.

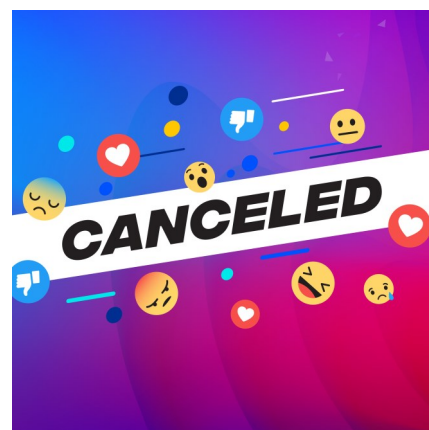
### Sunday Evenings @6:00-7:30 p.m.

Weather Permitting @ The Kelly's House ( 217 S. Hempstead Rd.)

Inclement Weather we will be on Zoom. Please bring a chair and a Bible (or a Bible App on your phone)

### CANCELED: A 4-WEEK SERIES ON LOVING OTHERS

You hear a lot about “cancel culture” these days. It’s what happens when swarms of people on the internet band together to call out, shame, or even “cancel” someone. And while there are definitely times when people or systems need to be called out and held accountable, we can all be a little too quick to be cruel to each other — online and offline too. In this 4-week series, we’ll get introduced to a few people from Scripture whose stories show us that humans have always struggled to choose love instead of hate. This problem isn’t a new one, but through the stories of Jesus, a few outcasts, a king, and a shepherd, we’ll see that God is challenging us to love people who aren’t like us, love people who are in need, love the people we envy, and love the people we want to hate.



**November 1**      **Love People Who Aren't Like You**

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman (John 4:1-26, 39-42)

**November 8**      **Love People Who Are in Need**

Blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52), Jesus Heals a Dying Girl (Luke 8: 40-48)

**November 15**      **Love the People You Envy**

Saul's Envy (1 Samuel 18:6-10)

**November 22**      **Love the People You Want to Hate**

David and Saul (1 Samuel 24:1-7)



The Youth Ministry Task Force has created a survey about the timing for our Sunday Youth program. We are inviting parents, youth, and volunteers to participate in the survey. You can access it at this link: <https://forms.gle/kVA7oxgTkcNZQIMe7>

## Coming for Advent 2020 (beginning November 29)

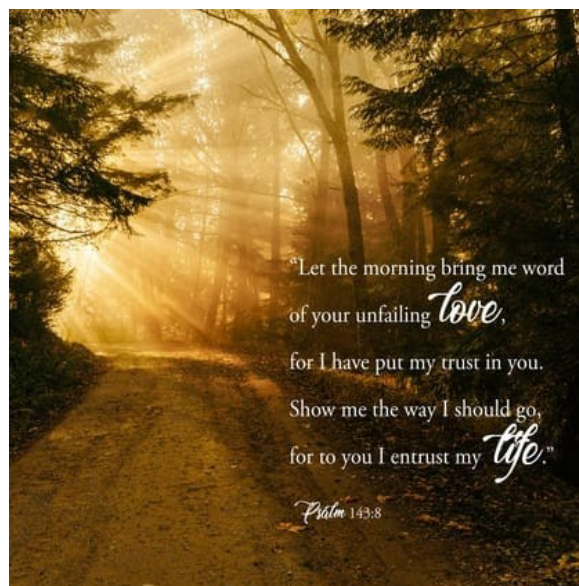
### Sunday Evenings

#### “Merry Christmas to Me”

Christmas today vs. Christmas in Bethlehem? Well, let’s just say they are two very different worlds. But they don’t have to be. Christmas tends to turn into a holiday where we think about what we will get instead of what we have the opportunity to give. By looking at the Christmas story and wondering about everything that each person gave, you’ll be able to give some incredible encouragement to students wanting to make Christmas less about “me” and more about Jesus. On the first Christmas, **Mary and Joseph gave up their comfort, the shepherds gave their stories, the wise men gave their worship, and God gave everything.** Knowing all of that, we can inspire us to give things too.

### Churchwide Advent Study

“Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas” by Adam Hamilton. The Youth will have an opportunity to participate in a youth focused study on Thursday evenings. Look for more details as we move closer to Advent.



# Gutters & Shingles Project

by April Smith

General Restoration has completed the work on the box gutters and shingles. The project came in at exactly the amount that was estimated so we had no contingency costs. There is a ten year warranty on all labor and materials for the gutters and a twenty year manufacturer's warranty on the shingles.

Here are some photo highlights from the project.

Repairs on the southwest corner of the building.

1. Old shingles



2. Gutter restoration





3. Hole in the roof that was under the existing shingles. This is what was found when they tore off the two layers of old shingles!



4. New shingles and gutter liner



# November 2020 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday School Live Stream Worship 11:30am-1:00pm- M&Ms Outdoors 6pm-7:30pm- Youth Group	2 7pm- ZOOM SPRC Meeting	3 10am- Staff Meeting	4 8:00am-12:00 pm -Organ Practice	5	6	7 10:00am- 12:00pm- WARM Collection Drive-Thru
8 Sunday School Live Stream Worship 6pm-7:30pm- Youth Group	9 7:00m- ZOOM Finance Meeting	10 10am- Staff Meeting	11 8:00am-12:00 pm -Organ Practice	12	13	14
15 Sunday School Live Stream Worship 11:30am-1:00pm- M&Ms Outdoors 1:00pm-2:00pm- Church Conference 6pm-7:30pm- Youth Group	16 7:00 pm- ZOOM Administrative Council Meeting	17 10am- Staff Meeting	18 8:00am-12:00 pm -Organ Practice	19	20	21
22 Sunday School Consecration Sunday: Live Stream Worship 11:30am-1:00pm- M&Ms Outdoors 6pm-7:30pm- Youth Group	23	24 10am- Staff Meeting 6:00pm- ZOOM Mission/Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 pm-ZOOM Health and Wellness Meeting	25 8:00am-12:00 pm -Organ Practice	26 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY 	27 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY 	28
29 Sunday School Live Stream Worship 6pm-7:30pm- Youth Group	30					



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