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Official Newsletter of Church of the Master



A Letter from the Pastor: by Pastor Jay Anderson

SPRING CLEANING! Does anyone actually do Spring cleaning any more? It's an honest question- I don't know. We clean house regularly, clean out closets periodically, go to the dentist every six months for a cleaning, so I'm not sure the idea of Spring cleaning is still a thing in this age. Maybe I'm wrong. If so, let me know.

But in the spirit of cleaning, this month I'm going to just clean out a few things on my to-do list of things to share with you, rather than try to put together one cohesively themed message for April.

April will be a big month for us at Church of the Master. Among the things that will happen this month are Holy Week Worship, beginning with Palm Sunday on April 10th, on which we will welcome into professing membership half of our confirmation class (more on them later). Holy Thursday worship on April 10th at 7pm will include communion and the traditional stripping of the chancel before Good Friday. Our Good Friday service this year will be pre-recorded and will have a very different look and feel than Holy Thursday. This Tenebrae Service (service of light) will be available to you on our YouTube channel beginning on Good Friday and you can participate in the service when it is most convenient for you. And then on Easter Sunday we will have two

services, one at 9 am and one at 11am. Weather permitting, our 9am service will be outdoors on the front patio. We have received permission to close Grove Street from Main to College that morning, so bring your lawn chairs and plan to join us outdoors for 9am Easter Sunday worship (weather permitting). At our 11am service, in addition to celebrating the resurrection, we will welcome the other half of our confirmation class into membership, as well as baptizing a child into baptized membership in the church. The choir, handbell choir, and others will be offering wonderfully appropriate joy-filled music for the day as well. So I hope you will plan on worshipping with us during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday.

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As mentioned above, our confirmation class is working diligently through their coursework with their mentors. This has been a new experience, with new curriculum and a new structure for everyone involved, but all of our “guinea pigs” are doing wonderfully. The group has already provided community service at WARM in March and are planning a project for in the church in early April. We look forward to welcoming these young people into membership soon!

Speaking of membership, it has been two years since we welcomed our last class of 19 people into membership. If you are a frequent visitor, or if you’ve been worshipping or participating in the life of the church for some time but have never actually joined the church and are interested in finding out more about what it means to become a member at Church of the Master, keep an eye on the announcements in the worship folder. After Easter we will be putting together a new members class, probably beginning in May, and those announcements will tell you how you can get more information.

And by now, it has been announced to the congregation at large that Hannah Tonn, our U2 Ministry Coordinator, will be leaving us at the end of April. We knew when we hired Hannah that her time with us would likely not be long because she was a college student, finishing a degree, and contemplating going off to seminary after graduation. Well, that is exactly what is happening. Hannah has worked hard with us and for us while she’s been here and helped us re-launch U2 as a separate ministry for our 4th-6th grade kids. We are grateful for all of her hard work and wish her well as she moves into the future God has in store for her. I invite you to express your well-wishes to her this month as well.

Well, with that I think my to-do list is done...for now (they never really end, do they?) I look forward to being with you in worship this Lent and Easter seasons!

Blessings,

Pastor Jay

United Methodist Women



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DID YOU KNOW that our United Methodist Women maintain a current collection of books on a variety of subjects? These books are presently housed in the Chapel and are available to anyone in the congregation. It is easy to check out a book, so stop by the Chapel and browse through the books. You will no doubt find one that sparks your interest!

United Methodist Women Circles will meet on Tuesday, April 12 at 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. All women of the church

are welcome. Michele Beach will be our program leader, and we will be enjoying tea, cookies, and friendly fellowship, so come and join us!

Questions? Contact Judy Christian at mw.jm.christian@gmail.com or 614-306-2930.

Campus Ministry Updates: Baked Pasta Dinner for Otterbein Students

from Pastor Lucy Kelly

We are finding creative ways to *still* adapt to this pandemic, and we all miss the spaghetti dinners. On Wednesday, April 20th, we will host a "to-go" baked pasta meal (baked penne pasta, salad, bread, bottled water, and baked desserts). Our hope is to set up tables in our parking lot for students to gather outside to eat together. If it rains, they will just take their meals with them. Steve Perry has kindly offered to be our lead chef for this event, but he will also need plenty of help.

What ways can you help?

1. Help cook (prep on 4/18 & 4/19)
2. Serve (4/20- arrive at 6pm to help)
3. Clean up
4. Greeters (to help guide students as to where to go)
5. Bake desserts and individually wrap them into single servings (brownies & cookies are easy) - it is important to mark if there are nuts in the dessert, and gluten free options are appreciated too. Desserts need to be delivered to the church by 12pm on 4/20/22. We will **not** have refrigerator space available prior to the meal. Please keep that in mind when planning what type of dessert you would like to provide.



Pasta
April 20th (5-7pm)

FREE DINNER FOR
OTTERBEIN
STUDENTS

If you are interested in helping in any way please contact Pastor Lucy at campus@chmaster.org

Called to Love

Called to Love invites you to "Lunch and Learn" on Sunday, May 15th!

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. Save the date, and stay tuned for more details!

"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.



Children's Ministry Newsletter

April 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/

Thursdays are for M&Ms (Music and the Master)

We are winding down on M&Ms for the school year, but your participation is still important as we prepare for children’s ensembles to perform as part of a Celebration of Music Sunday on May 8th! See below for our regular schedule:



M&Ms Regular Schedule (dinner not included)

	0-2	3-K	G1-3	G4-6	G7-12	Parents
5:30			Children’s Chimes*		Youth Handbells	
6:00	Cherub Choir		Faith Development	Faith Development	Faith Development	(Cherub Choir)
6:30	Nursery	Godly Play	Junior Choir*			Bible Study

*6th graders may choose to participate in Youth Handbells and Youth Choir if these groups are more appropriate to their experience/maturity than Children’s Chimes and Junior Choir.

For 2nd-6th Graders: Acolytes Needed

Jesus said “I am the light of the world,” and lighting candles in Worship is a symbol of Jesus’ presence in our world and in our sanctuary! We need acolytes to fulfill this special role during the 11:00 service. While this has typically been a task for our 2nd-6th graders, we also welcome Youth and Adults to participate in carrying Christ's Light! Sign up here for as many Sundays as you wish:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4aada72aabff2-acolytes2>



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 offers camp scholarships to members/children of members 18 years and younger; contact Miss Cindy for scholarship details. To see all of the camp offerings and register online go to www.westohiocamps.com

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, April 3rd: First Sunday of the Month “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.)

Thursday, April 14th: Holy Thursday Service

M&Ms will conclude at 6:55 on 4/14, so that families may choose to participate in Holy Thursday Worship, beginning at 7pm in the Sanctuary (Nursery care is available). If you are not attending worship, we ask that you quickly and quietly exit the building.

Thursday, April 28th: M&Ms End-of-the-Year Banquet 5:30-7:30!

Join us for a “Super-sized Celebration” at our final night of M&Ms for the school year! Plan ahead to adjust your schedule, so that we can include plenty of singing, fun and DINNER together in the fellowship hall! Wear your M&Ms t-shirts for pictures – Miss Cindy has extras if you need one. Our schedule for the evening will be:

	0-2	3-K	G1-3	G4-6	G7-12	Parents
5:30	Cherub Choir Sanctuary		Chimes Rm 20		Dinner prep Fellowship Hall	(Cherub Choir)
6:00	DINNER Fellowship Hall!					
6:30	Godly Play in Gym		Junior Choir Sanctuary		Faith & Fellow- ship	Dinner clean-up
7:00	M&Ms Wrap-up Sanctuary					M&Ms Wrap-up Sanctuary

Sunday, May 8th: 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 22nd: 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 2nd-6th graders who would like to begin serving God and the church in this special way. (Expected to last 15-20 minutes)

Monday, June 13th – Friday, June 17th: VBS/Day Camp

Please save the date on your calendar for VBS/Day Camp/U2 - we are counting on parents to volunteer, and would love all our children to participate!

Pre-Registration now open: <https://chmaster.mycokesburyvbs.com/>



Sunday, June 19th: 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!”

Youth Ministry Newsletter —April 2022

by Alyssa Hodge

Lenten Study

For the duration of the Lenten season we will be exploring our church devotional “Good Enough” from a young person’s perspective. Youth devotional will be sent out every week with table talk conversation starters. Join us every Sunday evening at 5:00 PM to learn with us!



CHURCH OF THE MASTER YOUTH FUNDRAISER

You've Been Egged!

Be Easter Egg Hunt Ready! Each egg is filled with quality candies/toys!

20 Eggs- \$30.00

50 Eggs - \$40.00

75 Eggs - \$60.00

100 Eggs - \$75.00

Spread the Easter Miracle and Sponsor a family in need!

DELIVERIES WILL TAKE PLACE THE EVENING OF SATURDAY APRIL 16, 2022

All the proceeds of this fundraiser go directly to the Church of the Master Youth Mission Trip to Boston, MA.



You've Been Egged

Is it a hassle to stuff hundreds of eggs and hide them around your yard early Easter morning? All that bending too much for your back? Leave the work to the youth! Their backs are plenty young.

To raise funds for the upcoming mission trip to Boston the youth will be selling pre-filled Easter eggs, delivering and spreading eggs in your own yard.

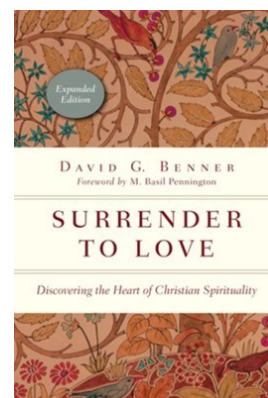
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Seekers Sunday School Class Starts New Study

The Seekers Sunday School class is starting a new study April 3 at 10:00 in the Wagoner-Hursh Room. We will be studying Surrender to Love : Discovering the Heart of Christian Spirituality by David G. Benner. All are welcome. If you have questions you can contact Janice Eddey.



Global Missions Spotlight: El Porvenir

EL PORVENIR SPRING CAMPAIGN 2022:

Building 91 Latrines in 3 Communities with the Jackson Kemper Foundation

El Porvenir is partnering with residents in three communities to build 91 latrines with the 600 residents of Apatu, Barrio Mitch, and El Hatillo in Nicaragua. Your support will provide the materials, technical support, and maintenance training for these 91 latrines that will improve the lives of 100 families and 30 school children.

The COM Missions Committee has donated \$3,000 to the spring campaign, which will be matched by the Jackson Kemper Foundation. Individuals can also make a high-impact contribution today as every dollar raised during this spring campaign will be matched dollar-for-dollar. The \$50,000 raised will provide the resources needed so that the residents can build these latrines to improve their health and environment as well as reduce the spread of illnesses.



One of the new latrines will serve a preschool in Apatu.

To contribute, donate online at

<https://www.elporvenir.org/>.

Alternatively, a check can be mailed to:

El Porvenir
80 Garden Center, Suite 135
Broomfield, CO 80020

Be sure to write “latrine match” on the memo line. To date \$29,176 of the \$50,000 needed for the project has been raised. The deadline for donating is April 8.

PROGRESS REPORT on 2021 PROJECT

In 2021, the Missions Committee and individuals at COM donated over \$4,000 for a 3-part project in Posoli, Nicaragua to provide double-pit latrines, a water distribution system, and reforestation of the watershed (including the building of fuel-efficient and vented cookstoves).

Unfortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic hit the community of Posoli hard in 2021. There were outbreaks in the village that prevented staff from visiting and delayed the start of the work. Then, quite sadly, one of the project leaders in the community died of Covid. This was followed by a period of about six weeks when El Porvenir paused visits to the field due to the worsening conditions affecting its staff, families, and communities. In-person visits resumed in November, but, by then, many of the men in the community had temporarily emigrated to Costa Rica to harvest coffee from November to January.

Despite these setbacks, progress has been made. The latrine project started in December 2021. It was the easiest one to implement while social distancing and is now about 80% complete. The stove project started in March 2022 and will take about 4 weeks to complete. Unfortunately, the water project has encountered questions of feasibility. In January, staff visited the community and noted that the spring designated to be the source for the water system had experienced an 80% reduction in the flow. This result was alarming and affects the feasibility of the water distribution system. El Porvenir staff are currently closely monitoring the conditions and evaluating options. It is possible that a well will have to be drilled instead of using the spring as the water source, or funds may be redirected to a water project in a different community.



Left: Rebeca Reyes and her son work in the seedling nursery.

Right: Seedlings are planted in the Posoli area to restore an area of deforested watershed.

Local Missions Spotlight: Love Your Neighbor Service Day

Provide support and assistance to senior citizens and homebound neighbors who live within the Westerville City School District on Saturday, April 23.

Volunteers will help with outdoor tasks like flower bed clean-up, light painting, window cleaning (first floor only), planting flowers, or raking leaves and sticks. Meet at Westerville South High School at 8 a.m. on Saturday April 23; Service Day will conclude by 1 p.m. Supplies for the projects will be provided by the homeowner or Leadership Westerville; however, volunteers may also bring their own tools and gloves. All ages can participate, but youth under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. To sign up to help, go to <https://www.leadershipwesterville.com/serviceday.html>. List your organization as Church of the Master (COM), so you will be paired to work with another COM member. Wear a COM T-shirt if you have one!....If you a senior citizen who lives in the Westerville City School District and need help with an outdoor task at your house, submit a project request by April 1, 2022 for consideration in this years' Service Day (use the URL listed above).

Westerville Habitat Partnership

Special thanks to all who participated in the City BBQ Fundraiser. We raised over \$440! **Please add the upcoming dates to your calendar for supporting Westerville Habitat Partnership:**

- May 9-11: Minico's Italian Restaurant– 15% of your bill will be donated to Habitat when you mention "Westerville Habitat". More information coming soon!
- July 31: Tapestry of the Town- self-guided tour of uptown Westerville sites and accompanied by area musicians!
- August 19-20: Wall Build-prepping and constructing walls for our homes builds!



“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. 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.

APRIL 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:00 am Worship 11:00 am Livestream Worship 11:00 am Nursery 4:00 pm Soul Satisfaction 5:00 pm Youth Group	4 7:30 am SAA 8:30 am Coffee Ministry 12:45 pm Otterbein Singers 6:30 pm BSA Troop 560 7:00 pm SPRC	5 7:30 am SAA 10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Tai Chi 6:00 pm Pipes and Drums	6 7:30 am SAA 6:00 pm Exultation Ringers 12:45 pm Otterbein Singers 6:00 pm Exultation Ringers 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7 7:30 am SAA 5:30 pm M&Ms	8 7:30 am SAA 12:45 pm Otterbein Singers 6:30 pm SA Meeting	9 9:00 am Confirmation Closing Retreat
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