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Official Newsletter of Church of the Master



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

Of the “winter” months, I think February is my favorite. I’m not sure why, maybe because Spring is right around the corner. Perhaps because Groundhogs Day is such a silly holiday with which to begin the month. Or it could be that, in most years at least, the season of Lent usually begins in February. That’s not the case this year - Ash Wednesday is March 2nd - but that doesn’t take away from February for me.

As I look at the calendar for February to see what lies ahead, I notice that the Super Bowl is on February 13th this year - it just keeps getting later and later. Before long the Super Bowl and Opening Day in baseball will be competing with each other for air time on ESPN! But February also includes Valentine’s Day, which is when I proposed marriage to Lynn many moons ago, and Presidents Day, which as a history buff I have great appreciation for. And last, but by no means least, February 27th this year is Children’s Sabbath so our children’s ministry team and the kiddos will be leading us in worship that day, which is always such a joy. It is SO special, as a matter of fact, that on February 27th we will have ONE SERVICE AT 10AM FOR CHILDREN’S SABBATH. You’ll see that news elsewhere in this newsletter, I’m sure, and you’re likely to hear it from the pulpit a few times as well, but we want to make sure that everyone knows that our worship schedule will be little bit different that week.

So that’s what lies ahead in February, how about a little pre-Spring housecleaning.

- First, the Church Council approved our 2022 budget last week, based on our estimated income from your pledged and unpledged giving as well as other income sources, so that our ministry teams are fully funded for ministry this year. THANK YOU AGAIN!
- We still are looking for a permanent solution to our Office Administrator vacancy, but we are working with a staffing agency to get us some temporary help until a permanent replacement is found, so bear with us during this time.
- Our Worship Planning Team met last week to put together our plans for Lent Worship around the theme of “Good Enough” that will kick off with Ash Wednesday Worship on Wednesday March 2nd at 7pm. More information will come out about that in the coming weeks.

- On February 6th in our 11am worship service we will begin what we have named Family Worship for the first Sunday of each month. On the first Sunday of the month going forward, following the Children’s Moment, the kids will return to their seats and worship with their entire church family. There will be no Rainbows and Dewdrops on the first Sunday, neither will there be U2 those days. We teach our children about worship by being with them in worship, so on the first Sunday of each month our kids will get to experience a full worship service instead of just the first part of worship. This will also allow our small team of Children’s Ministry volunteers to know that they can be in worship as well. There will be resources available for the younger kids, but I for one am looking forward to the energy of having our little ones in worship with us for those services, rather than shuffling out and then back in again for communion. I know you’ll make them feel welcome and appreciated as well!
- Covid is making its way through our congregation unlike at any time since the pandemic began. I hope you will continue to do what you need to do be safe and to keep others safe. All indications are that the case counts will begin dropping soon, that we have reached the peak with the Omicron variant of the Covid virus, but we mustn’t let our guards down too soon. In the meantime, we are still asking everyone to mask when you come to the building for meetings or worship.

So there is much happening in February and I look forward to being here with you for all of it! Have a wonderful shortest month of the year! And remember, you are blessed to be a blessing, so be a blessing to someone this month!

Blessings,

Pastor Jay

## Associate Pastor & Campus Ministry Updates: by Pastor Lucy Kelly

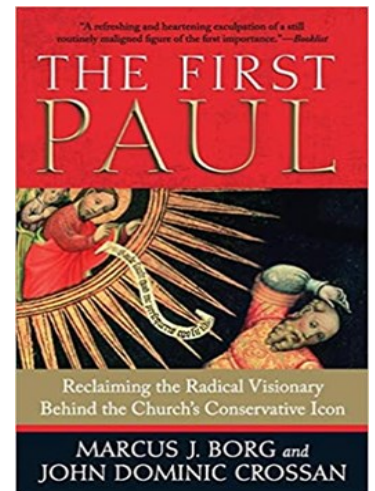
### Young Adult Paul Study

According to some young adults, Paul is not so appalling (and much more appealing) now that we have learned more about him, together! Since December 2, 2021, approximately five young adults have been meeting on zoom (from Ohio, New Jersey, Washington DC, and Colorado) to discuss the Apostle Paul with the guidance of this book.

While this book is not an easy or light read, neither is any discussion on Paul! We have come to understand Paul in a new light with important contextual/historical background, scriptural discernment (of Paul’s and Luke’s writings), and enlightening conversation. We often end our zoom calls later than we expected (because we are deeply engaged in holy conversation), with more questions than answers, and with more insights into one another. Here are some testimonials around our study (which will continue until the middle of February):

"This study on Paul has created a safe place to ask critical and insightful questions about the Apostle Paul. Such questions, which may not have been welcomed in other spaces, have allowed myself and others to consider who Paul was and how Paul's contributions to Scripture have shaped the Christian tradition. Our exploration of Paul has yielded revelations about the content of Paul's writings, the formation of the canon, and how these writings have influenced us and our personal understanding of the Christian faith. Even in the midst of my seminary career, this study has allowed for one of the most sincere conversations about life and faith that I have been a part of. I am immensely grateful for this group!"

-Luke Ekstrom (Princeton Seminary Student)

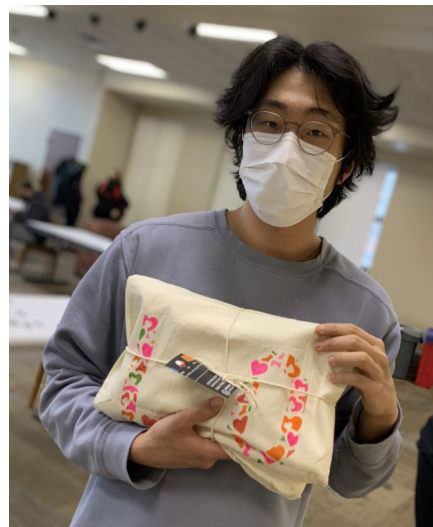
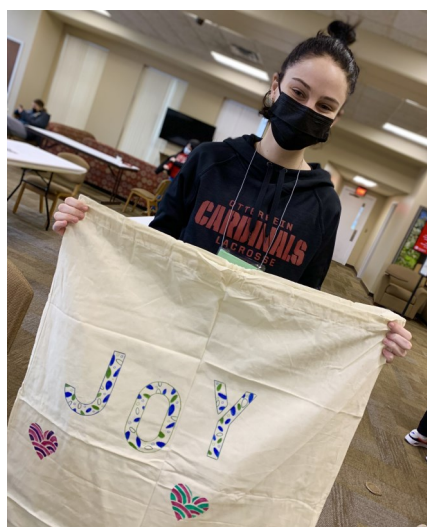


“I have really enjoyed going through the Paul Study being new to the Columbus area after starting my job with the Crew I was quite happy to find a bible study geared towards young adults. The material has been challenging, but I have learned quite a lot about Paul as it was my first time really studying him and his ministry. It has been great to hear everyone’s diverse opinions on the topics since we all have different life experiences that we bring to the study. I look forward to joining the next study that Lucy puts on.”

-Bailey Ault (new to Church of the Master, lives in Columbus, OH, 23 years old)

### Laundry Bags

Otterbein’s Pac the Mac event was a success! Otterbein students decorated 24 canvas laundry bags to be filled with environmentally friendly cleaning supplies (detergent sheets from Earth Breeze, compostable dryer sheets from Method, and mesh garment bags). Thanks to your generosity, we have 24 beautiful and useful laundry bags to offer our laundry ministry to hand out to families. Each bag (and all of its contents) totaled about \$25.00. The students really enjoyed being able to use their artistic skills to brighten up the plain canvas bags. They used fabric markers, stencils, and some even drew things free-handed. We had lively conversations about what the students are studying, what they are passionate about, and what is happening on campus. I learned that recently students have not even been able to eat together in any gathered space, which they all miss. We will see what Church of the Master can safely offer the students this spring! (TBD)



# Children's Ministry Newsletter—February 2022

by Cindy Hughes



## 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 during the 11:00 service, during which we also offer Nursery care. Following the Children's Message, 3-year-olds through 6<sup>th</sup> 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. (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*

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

It has been such a blessing to be meeting in-person for M&Ms! For health reasons, we are still *not offering dinner*, so if you need to bring food for your family to eat in between activities, feel free to find a table or an open classroom to distance yourself safely from others while your masks are off.

We are excited to be offering an enhanced schedule of activities on Thursday evenings, now encompassing all of our young people from birth through high-school! We hope this makes it more convenient for your whole family to participate in meaningful faith and fellowship.



**M&Ms Schedule** (dinner not included)

\*6<sup>th</sup> 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.

	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*		Youth Choir	Bible Study

**Join the “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/)

**For 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 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>



**Upcoming Events of Note:**

**Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>:** 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. 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! Please stop in the Gathering Space to grab an activity kit or book to help keep younger children engaged. (Nursery care will still be offered as an option during “Family Worship.”)

**Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>:** Children’s Sabbath 10AM Combined Worship

Our children will lead worship on this special Sunday! Children’s Chimes, Cherub and Junior Choirs will perform, and we will soon be soliciting volunteers to be readers, greeters, and ushers, and soloists to offer special music. Please complete this participation survey for EACH of your children in 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade: <https://forms.gle/RdXpCdQMvcl2ff4Q8>

**Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>:** NO M&Ms (Spring Break)

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

Please save the date on your calendar for VBS/Day Camp/Survivor - we are counting on parents to volunteer, and would love all our children to participate! Registration will begin in early March.

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

Plan to be in Worship on the Sunday following camp, so we can celebrate our week together, and share all the fun with our families!

## **Youth Ministry Newsletter—February 2022**

by Alyssa Hodge

### **CLUE MYSTERY DINNER**

February 20th at 5 PM the youth group (grades 7th-12th) will be hosting a Clue Mystery Dinner. Youth will choose their character from the popular board game the week prior and are encouraged to dress up for the dinner party. Only at the end of this thrilling dinner will we find who the real culprit is. Perhaps Colonel mustard in the library with the candlestick or Miss Peacock in the kitchen with wrench. Play the game and see!

### **SUNDAY YOUTH GROUP**

We will continue meeting for our weekly youth group on Sundays every week at 5 PM. In the month of February we will be diving into the series “Friendships” where we will explore the close bonds of healthy friendship illustrated by the Bible and what it truly means to us to be a friend in 2022! We hope you join

### **THURSDAY NIGHTS**


During the M&Ms time Youth grades 7th through 12th are encouraged to be in the senior youth room for a time of fellowship, games, and service projects. In the month of February we will be collecting items to make small care packages for our Otterbein college students to be passed out during our coffee and donut ministry.

## **United Methodist Women**

by Barb Piper

Good News! Church of the Master UMW will have a meeting of all Circles on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Cookies, tea, and coffee will be served. We will follow our usual format of praying for our missions and people of the church. Followed by a program and a short business meeting. Not a member of UMW? We would love to have you join us and check it out. Please call Barbara Piper at 614- 865 1482 to let us know if you are joining us. We wouldn't want to run short on cookies! I hope to see both old and new friends soon.

# FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
		<b>1</b> 7:30 am SAA 10:00 AM Staff Meeting	<b>2</b> 7:30 am SAA 12:45 Otterbein Singers 6:00 pm Exultation Ringers 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 7:30 am SAA 9:30 am Paciocco Memorial Service 3:45 pm Comedy Class 5:30 pm M&Ms 5:30 pm Youth Bells Rehearsal	<b>4</b> 7:30 am SAA 12:45 pm Otterbein Singers 6:30 pm SA Meeting	<b>5</b>
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