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Official Newsletter of Church of the Master



A Letter from Pastor Jay By Rev. Jay Anderson

The Year in Review

There is nothing like looking back as the first step in looking forward! At the end of my January article last year I “predicted” that 2022 was going to be a good year for us here at Church of the Master. And in looking back over this year I’m going to say that that was prediction was correct - it WAS a good year for us! Here’s a brief reminder of the “Year that Was!”

We started off the year in January with five baptisms of children and infants in our congregation! What a great way to kick off the year and to welcome these children into the life of the church.

In February we celebrated Children’s Sabbath and the sounds of children singing and leading in worship filled the place with joy. In addition, we welcomed Susan Hammond to our staff as our new Office Administrator.

March brought Lent and the series “Good Enough: Embracing the Imperfections of Life and Faith.” This was one of our most popular and well-received worship series ever and was a wonderful way to experience Lent.

In April, not only did we conclude Lent with wonderful Holy Week worship services, but we also welcomed six young people into membership upon completion of their Confirmation journeys. In addition, we also were blessed to share in the baptism of another child this month.

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May provided us the opportunity to celebrate our musicians and our entire music program in worship. In addition we announced a very generous gift from the family of Dr. Sylvia Vance that kicked off our new “Sylvia Vance Concert Series.” But wait - there’s more! We welcomed Amy and Bob Keep to our staff as the new coordinators of our U2 Program as we sought to fortify that middle school ministry. We also celebrated our Acolytes in May and baptized yet another child from our congregation and well as the child of former Otterbein students who were engaged with us when they were students and wanted to have him baptized here! For those who are counting - that’s 8!

In June our youth went on a mission trip to the Boston area where they learned how to say “Yahd” and drove Pastor Lucy crazy singing the soundtrack of “Hamilton” all the time. Just ask her about it! We celebrated the ministry of our teachers as well as holding a Vacation Bible School program that concluded with Food Trucks in the parking lot after VBS worship! We recognized our graduates on Graduate Recognition Sunday as well.

July saw us kick off our new Healing Prayer Ministry under the guidance of Rev. Jim Wagner, and Pastor Lucy and I began another well-received sermon series on “The Bible, Sexuality, and the United Methodist Church” that stretched into August but addressed some very important issues in the life of the Church - both globally and locally.

August brought us to the conclusion of our series on “The Bible, Sexuality, and the United Methodist Church” and invited us to think about what kind of church we wanted to be. As school kicked off we blessed backpacks for our children and were blessed with yet another infant baptism in worship, number 9 of the year.

In September we launched the Prayer and Anointing Ministry in worship on the first Sunday with Communion. We also had a very successful inaugural event in our Sylvia Vance Concert Series when the Astralis Chamber Ensemble from Florida provided beautiful music for all in attendance, including the Vance family.

October saw us kick off a new worship format, “Manna Worship,” at our 9am service that has been very well received by all who have participated. We received 8 new members this month - all transfers from other United Methodist Churches who wanted to be here rather than where they were! We began an eight-week Discipleship Series that invited us to make weekly commitments to grow in our faith in various ways. And, in order to get ourselves back on the correct schedule, we held our second Children’s Sabbath of the year, which was just as enjoyable and celebratory of our children as was the first!

In November we began the month by celebrating the lives of the Saints who have passed in the last year, and there were way too many of them, I have to tell you. Our second concert series production, a Choral Evensong of Mozart music by our Chancel Choir, was a huge success and helped solidify the presence of the new series in the life of the church. And of course, we began the Advent and Christmas Season by joining in the Hanging of the Greens.

Finally, in December we celebrated Advent and Christmas with a wonderful series, “Reflecting the Sacred,” that invited us to see the sacred in all things and all people. Our handbell choirs brought the house down with the third installment of our Concert Series, and with Christmas and New Years 2023 both on Sunday this year, we worshipped both weeks under the common mantra - “ONE SERVICE, 10AM” to finish the year.

So as I said, 2022 was a very good year! A year of change, but a very good year in the life of the church. 2023 will, likewise, be a year of change but also a year of growth for us. Annual Conference will be right outside our doors in just a few months as West Ohio comes to Otterbein. We’ll get into all that 2023 has in store in next month’s newsletter. But for now, just let me offer a very sincere THANK YOU for all that you’ve done this year. Thank you for all of your support for Lynn and I, for the staff who works so hard day in and day out to help make all of these things I’ve shared above happen. It’s a team effort all the way and this team is the best. Thank you for supporting them all!

Blessings and Happy New Year!

Pastor Jay

Campus Ministry News



This December we offered something new to students: a whole day of free beverages at the Otterbean Coffee shop, which is attached to the library. I was blessed to witness so much joy there on Monday, December 5th. As students came into the coffee shop to get a drink in between their finals and studying, they were all surprised by the generosity of what they received. The employees there were delighted to tell students that their drinks were on Church of the Master. The appreciation was tangible, and the praise for God's goodness was heard as the employees stated back

and forth to each other, "God is good, all the time! All the time, God is good." We served at least 800 students that day; and we reminded them, in this simple offering, that they are seen and cared for by this community.

Monday Morning Coffee Ministry has seen some of its busiest days (ever) this fall. We served on average, 123 students per week. Again, and again we heard students say that this ministry is what makes their Monday. We regularly serve professors and community members alongside students, all of whom are grateful and excited to start their day with us. We are excited that our new nursery worker, Carlie Quillin, came to us through Coffee Ministry. Carlie sat at one of the new tables, enjoyed her donut and talked with our volunteers, with Suzy Jones and with Cindy Hughes. The conversation led to Cindy asking Carlie if she was interested in working in our nursery. We make meaningful and helpful connections through this ministry.

Our regular volunteers, who lovingly share their time, are Lynn Anderson, Sam Dorff, Steve Perry, and Mark Fohl. The students really appreciate engaging with our volunteers. Occasionally, we have been blessed to have July Salyer and Debbie Wilson stop by to assist. The staff all find their way to the delicious smell of coffee and donuts, sometimes having to offer a bit of their time when we are busy and need products refilled. Anybody who shows up is welcomed with warm greetings and smiles. This is a ministry of joy and fellowship! You are welcome to join us if this ministry interests you.

We continue to offer Fair Trade coffee from Equal Exchange (in partnership with UMCOR), hot chocolate, hot cider, hot tea, donuts from Schneider's Bakery, breakfast/granola bars, gluten free snacks, stickers, buttons, and volunteers that happily engage everyone in conversation. We have even started playing music (mostly rock from the 50s and 60s) and the students dance and sing along. We are offering an atmosphere of generosity and radical hospitality. Thank you for continuing to support this vital ministry- it is very much appreciated!

On the last Monday that class was in session, we served students under twinkling snowflake lights, offered candy canes, played Christmas music, and bid the students well wishes and good luck on finals. We look forward to starting the new year of Coffee Ministry on January 9, 2023- the first day of class for spring semester!

This month at Otterbein: Pack the Mac and More- MLK Service Day Event, Wed. January 18th 5-7 pm

We will be hosting an MLK Service Day event on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 5-7 pm at the Campus Center. Last year, Church of the Master made Laundry Bags. This year we will do another service project that can be assembled at the Student Center that evening.

Children's Ministry Newsletter

January 2023



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, January 1st: Family Worship at *10AM*

All children remain in the Sanctuary to share in the liturgy and hymns, and to receive Communion. (Nursery will be "Open Unstaffed.")

Thursday, January 12th: M&Ms resumes - see below for more details!

Jan 12, Next Chime Choir session starts - *NEW* ringers welcome!

Chime Choir meets at 5:00 on Thursdays, and all children in 1st - 5th grades are invited to participate! *No musical experience is necessary*, but families are asked to commit to their children's regular attendance throughout the session. Session 3 runs 1/12 - 3/2/23, and will play during Family Worship on Sunday, March 5th. Contact Marilyn Rogers with any questions.

Jan 12, 6th Graders and up are invited to join our "Youth Instrumental Ensemble" for musicians in grades 6-12, led by Evan Hughes! Rehearsal will be 6:30-7 on Thursday nights from 1/12/23 - 3/2/23. If you are able to tell us in advance that you're planning to come, and what instrument you play, that would be helpful! If you typically use a school instrument, make sure you'll have access to bring it with you to church for our rehearsals. Email Evan to respond at evnmhgs@yahoo.com

Sunday, February 5th: Cherub Choir and Junior Choir will sing during 11AM Worship

Sunday, March 5th: Chime Choir and Youth Instrumental Ensemble will play during 11AM Worship

2023 VBS/Daycamp will be June 20-23, (yes, Tues-Fri only) with VBS Sunday on June 25th! Please save the dates now, so that your family can participate.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

M&M's Meal Help!

We need Adult/youth volunteers each week for set-up and clean-up of dinner. Sign up here for dates January - February: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AADA72AABFF2-mms2>

WINTER Acolytes Needed!

We need 2nd-6th graders to fulfill this special role during the 11:00 service. Sign up for as many Sundays as you wish: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AADA72AABFF2-acolytes6>

VBS/Daycamp Task Force!

Do you feel strongly about the importance of our Vacation Bible School ministry? Join our Task Force, and be part of the planning and decision-making process; contact Cindy to be added to the team!

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. We can share stories and pictures, and Miss Cindy will sometimes share ideas to help your children engage with God's love outside of worship! www.facebook.com/groups/chmasterchildren/

ONGOING EVENTS:

Music & the Master (M&M's)

M&Ms is a time for children and their families to grow in God's love, emphasizing MUSIC as an act of service and of praise! Each Thursday evening, we offer activities for young people from birth through high-school, making it convenient for your whole family to participate in meaningful faith and fellowship!



M&Ms Weekly Schedule:

	0-2	3-K	G1-3	G4-6	G7-12	Parents
5:00			Chimes (6th*) Rm 20		Youth Handbells Balcony	
5:30	Cherub Choir (with parents) Fellowship Hall		Faith & Mission Rm 17	Faith & Mission U2 Rm	Youth Fellowship Youth Rm	Cherub Choir or Dinner Set-Up
6:00	Dinner in Fellowship Hall					
6:30	Nursery	Faith & Mission Rm 8	Junior Choir (6th*) Rm 15		6-12 Grade Instrumental Ensemble	Dinner Clean-up Bible Study Fellowship Hall

*6th Graders may participate in Youth Handbells/Youth Music - as it is more developmentally and musically appropriate - unless they/their parents prefer they remain in the children's ensembles.

Dewdrops, Rainbows and U2 on Sunday Mornings!

Our Sunday morning children's church programs are offered during 11AM Worship, at which we also offer Nursery care. About 10 minutes into the service, children are invited forward to participate with the Children's Message, then afterward, pre-school through 6th graders may 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!



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 Biblical understanding by repeating the 3-year lectionary, this time reading a "storybook Bible" for themselves, and occasionally a CEB 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 CEB translation bible, and with additional historical and social context.

*3-year-olds attending Dewdrops must be potty-trained, as we do not have appropriate facilities to address diapering needs in this classroom.

Calling All Middle School and High School Musicians!



YOUTH INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE
MUSICIANS IN GRADE 6-12
6:30-7PM THURSDAY NIGHTS | 1/12/2023-3/2/23
PERFORM AT 11AM WORSHIP ON MARTH 5TH
Led by Evan Hughes
evnmhghs@yahoo.com

If you are a 6th -12th grader who plays an instrument and would like to join the Youth Instrumental Ensemble, please email Evan Hughes at evnmhghs@yahoo.com. Tell him in advance that you're planning to come, and what instrument you play. If you typically use a school instrument, make sure you'll have access to bring it with you to church for our rehearsals.



Youth Ministry

We are pleased to announce that Bob Keep has stepped in as our interim Director of Youth Ministry until a permanent solution can be found. Bob and Amy Keep have been doing an outstanding job as our U2 Coordinators for the past several months and so we know that Bob brings that same love and dedication to our youth ministry as well!

Youth and parents of youth, you are invited to join us Sunday, January 22nd after the 11 am service for pizza and discussion about leadership of the Youth Ministry going forward.



Young Adult Ministry

The Young Adult Ministry had a fun outing to Wildlights at the Columbus Zoo in December. Watch for more events to come in the New Year!



Heifer International Giving

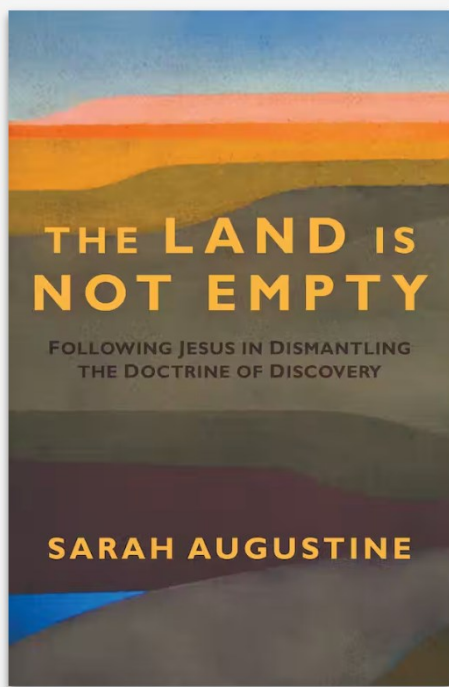
The Missions and Outreach Committee wants to thank you for your donations to Heifer International. This Christmas season we raised \$5,147! That's more than enough to pay for a Heifer Gift Ark! The ark includes 2 cows, 2 oxen, 2 sheep, 2 pigs, 2 water buffalo, 2 beehives, 2 goats, 2 trios of rabbits, 2 trios of ducks, 2 trios of guinea pigs, 2 flocks of geese, 2 flocks of chicks, 2 schools of fish, 2 alpacas, and a community animal vet kit! Your contributions will provide much-needed help to families around the world. According to www.heifer.org, "Donating a Gift Ark will help:

- Care for entire communities with milk, eggs, honey and wool
- Provide income by supplying an abundance of goods to sell
- Sustain farming by providing livestock to work the land
- Improve the lives of families for generations by multiplying and passing on the Gift." How wonderful! Thanks again.



Called to Love

For the months of January and February, we are conducting a "Hospitality Audit." We seek to critically answer the question "How welcoming is Church of the Master, *REALLY?*" with weekly topics on which to focus sent by email. Contact Cindy at hughes_cindy@yahoo.com to be included in the process if you are not already on our Called to Love email list. Then, join us in-person on Monday, February 20 at 7pm, as we plan to put our welcoming suggestions into action! You can find the notes and details of our December meeting on our website: <https://chmaster.org/called-to-love>



United Women in Faith Book Study

The West Ohio Book Club of United Women in Faith invites you to a

Virtual Book Study
The Land is Not Empty by Sarah Augustine
January 8, 2023 4-5:15 pm ET
facilitated by Beth Vanoli

About The Land Is Not Empty

In this prophetic book, author Sarah Augustine, a Pueblo woman, re-frames the colonization of North America as she investigates ways that the Doctrine of Discovery continues to devastate indigenous cultures, and even the planet itself, as it justifies exploitation of both natural resources and people. This is a powerful call to reckon with the root causes of a legacy that continues to have devastating effects on indigenous peoples around the globe and a call to recognize how all of our lives and our choices are interwoven. The Land Is Not Empty appears on the recently released [2023 Reading Program list](#) as a Bonus Book.

To register go to <https://www.westohioumw.org/book-studies> or click [here](#).

Human Relations Day— Sunday, January 15, 2023



Lord, fill us with joy as
we show kindness to
our neighbors.

Proverbs 14:21



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“Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other.” – Romans 12:10, CEB

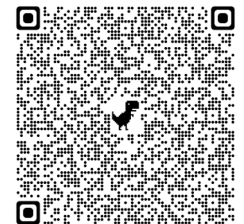
We have been asked to love one another like members of our family. Knowing how hard this request would be, God sent Jesus to show us how. Jesus walked with those in the margins during his life and shared the message that everyone is valuable and loved. This is the message we celebrate on Human Relations Day.

On January 15th, across the United Methodist connection, we come together to help bridge the gap between church and community. We do this by participating in an offering set aside for Human Relations Day. For more than half a century, United Methodists have observed this churchwide special Sunday in recognition of the message Jesus demonstrated during his life: **every one of God’s children is important.**

The Human Relations Day offering supports neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and works with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program. Such ministries give us the opportunity to walk in the margins and continue the work of Jesus.

**Please plan to give generously to the special offering for Human Relations Day
January 15, 2023**

by using the special giving envelopes in the pew backs or
scanning this QR code with your smart phone to give online.



All Aboard! Women's Soul Healing Class



You are invited to begin a healing journey with Jesus. Leave your baggage behind with God and board the Soul Healing train. The destination is deeper relationship with God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Find your true identity and walk in freedom from the wounds of your past.

“Soul Healing: Living beyond the pain of your past,” by Dr. Tammy Smith, a local Christian psychologist, is being offered on:

Thursdays beginning January 19th for eleven weeks 1-3 PM in person

The in-person study will be held at the home of facilitator, Ann Peat, 86 E Broadway Ave, Westerville and will be limited to six persons so register early

The cost of \$25 covers the book and study guide and video booklet.
[This class is an Adult Discipleship Class.]

All of us have been wounded as we travel through life. We suffer loss and disappointments. We may suffer from trauma and betrayal. Sometimes we don't realize that Jesus is there to pick us up, to meet our needs and heal us. He wants to have close friendship with us but we often keep Him at arm's length.

If you have taken the class before, we encourage you to take it again for deeper healing. The book was updated in 2022.

For more information call: Ann Peat, 614-890-3802 or email: annpeat@columbus.rr.com

If you are ordering books the deadline is January 9th.

Please detach the form below and turn it in to the office to indicate your interest.

Soul Healing Group registration form

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone _____ cell phone with text _____ (yes or no)

Email address: _____

Church home: _____

_____ Thursday 1-3 PM

_____ I need the books, enclosed is my \$25 fee. (Make checks payable to Ann Peat)

January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY 10 am Worship Service+ Livestream	2 Church Office Closed for Holiday	3 10 am Staff Meeting	4 6pm Exultation Ringers 7pm Choir Rehearsal	5	6	7 10am Storing of the Greens
8 9 am Worship 10 am Seekers Sunday School 11am Worship+ Livestream, Nursery, Raindrops, Dewdrops, & U2	9 8:00 am Coffee Ministry 1-3:30 pm Stephen Minister Training 7pm Leadership Council Gathering	10 9 am Tai Chi Class 10 am Staff Meeting	11 6pm Exultation Ringers 7pm Choir Rehearsal	12 5 pm M&Ms 5 pm Youth Handbells	13	14
15 9 am Worship 10 am Seekers Sunday School 11 am Worship + Livestream, Nursery, Raindrops, Dewdrops, & U2	16 MLK DAY Church Office Closed for Holiday 1 pm Stephen Minister Training	17 9 am Tai Chi Class 10 am Staff Meeting	18 6 pm Exultation Ringers 7pm Choir Rehearsal	19 ALL DAY– Cooking for the YWCA 5 pm M&M 5 pm Youth Bells 6 PM Stephen Ministry	20 5:50-7 pm U2 Fellowship Night	21
22 9 am Worship 10 am Seekers Sunday School 11 am Worship +Livestream, Nursery, Raindrops, Dewdrops, & U2 12 pm Youth and Youth Parent Meeting	23 8:00 am Coffee Ministry 1-3:30 pm Stephen Minister Training	24 9 am Tai Chi Class 10 am Staff Meeting	25 6pm Exultation Ringers 7 pm Blue Christmas Service 8 pm Choir Rehearsal	26 5 pm M&M 5 pm Youth Bells	27	28
29 9 am Worship 10 am Seekers Sunday School 11 am Worship +Livestream, Nursery, Raindrops, Dewdrops, & U2	30 8:00 am Coffee Ministry 1-3:30 pm Stephen Minister Training 6 pm Missions and Outreach Committee	31 9:00 am Tai Chi Class 10:00 am Staff Meeting				



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