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Official Newsletter of Church of the Master



A Letter from Pastor Katya

By Rev. Katya Brodbeck

Dear friends,

I am honored and thrilled to be your new Senior Pastor. You and I begin a new chapter as a church community. I am excited for all the things that God will do through us as we serve our Lord together and for a bright future together. As I started to write this note to you, a Bible verse came to mind, Jeremiah 29:11,

**“For I know the plans I have for you,
declares the Lord,
‘plans to prosper you
and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future.’”**

As I am coming from a culture and a nation that often did not have stability, and plans were not followed through, the word “plan” sometimes does not sit as well with me as it sits with the American ear. The Hebrew word that is used in this passage is “mahashavah.” One of the translations for it is the word “intention.” For some reason, this word sounds better to my half Russian, half American ear. God’s intention for us is to give us hope for the future whatever awaits us there. This way, we can be open to the flow of the Holy Spirit in our lives as we follow Christ together into the future.

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What I am starting to discover is that in order to move into the future, we need to understand the past. So, in the next few months as my ministry with you unfolds, I intend to be a listener among you and in the community. I want to learn about you as individuals and the church, to learn the history of the church and its relationships with Otterbein University and the community. I intend to listen to the stories, to the joys and sorrows, dreams and needs, challenges and expectations. With Pastor Lucy's help, I will be setting up a "Get to Know You" gatherings to do this intentional listening with you. More information will come on that.

For now, I am so very thankful to begin my ministry among you. I am excited to serve alongside Pastor Lucy, the talented staff, the Leadership Council, wonderful leaders of this church and all of you. I am honored to be your new pastor, to walk alongside you in times of joy and sorrow, to pray for you and with you, to grow together in faith and love for God and our neighbor, and to continue to be a welcoming and loving place for all and be a beacon of hope and light in this community and beyond. I am praying for our new chapter, may we be open to the flow of the Holy Spirit to move among us to bring us into a future filled with hope, joy, and love.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Katya

A Note from the Andersons

Friends,

Lynn and I just want to thank you so much for the very generous love offering as well as for the gift cards and notes that you provided for my retirement. We have so enjoyed opening the cards and reading your individual comments and blessings. As I have said before, it was our joy and pleasure to be with you for these past four years. As we moved the last of our furniture and personal items from the parsonage we both had lumps in our throats driving down College Avenue.

We won't be strangers, as we have many reasons to be back in Westerville on a regular basis (as soon as all of these boxes are unpacked, that is). So while we won't be in worship with you I'm sure we'll run into each other at Otterbein theater, Old Bag of Nails, or Northstar. Until then...

God bless,
Jay & Lynn

Children's Ministry Newsletter

July 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, July 2nd: Family Worship at 11AM

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.)



July BIBLE BINGO!

Children through rising 6th graders can participate in "Bible Reading Bingo" during the month of July! Grab a Bingo Card from the Gathering Space, or print one at home (email children@chmaster.org for pdf), and then go for a BINGO by reading 5 stories in a row – or challenge yourself to fill the whole card! Turn in your completed Bingo Card by Sunday, July 31st to receive a prize!

Thursday, August 10th: End of Summer Pool Party, 5-8pm

Save the date for our Children's Ministry Pool Party at the Annehurst Pool on Thursday, August 5th from 5-8 p.m. The church will provide dinner, and Cost will be \$5 per person/max of \$20 per family. Save the date now, and official RSVP will be required closer to the event.

Sunday, August 13th: Backpack blessing in Worship

August means Back to School! We want to show our love and support of our students by blessing their backpacks. Please bring school bags to worship on Sunday, August 13, and there will be a special time during the service to receive the blessing.

Dates to mark for later:

Thursday, 8/31: M&Ms resumes

Sunday, 9/10: Dewdrops/Rainbows/U2 resume

Sunday, 10/8: 3rd Grade Bible presentation

Sunday 10/22: Children's Sabbath

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Summer Acolytes Needed for July - August!

We need rising 2nd-6th graders to fulfill this special role during the 11:00 service. Sign up for as many Sundays as you wish, but be sure your family can commit to being in Worship that day, arriving about 10 minutes early: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4aada72aabff2-summer1#/>

Sunday Teachers Needed starting in September!

We are pleased to be able to give our teaching volunteers the majority of the summer “off,” but will need volunteers to help nurture our young disciples beginning again in September. Adult and youth volunteers are asked to commit to serving once a month in either Dewdrops, Rainbows, or U2, on a regularly scheduled basis. Please contact Cindy (children@chmaster.org) if you would be willing to be added to the rotation for the 2023-24 school year!

Thank you to our VBS & Day Camp volunteers!

This important ministry could not happen without the willing work of so many amazing volunteers. Thank you for sharing your time, energy, and love with our children!

Lauren Beuerlein	Martha Jagucki	Sara Lotz	Amy Ritts
Nick Bowman	Andy Johnson	Tiffany McGinnis	Gloria Rogers
Mark Dilley	Amy Keep	Laura Pate	Marilyn Rogers
Zaine Foster	Bob Keep	Ainsley Patterson	Aaron Shear
Jenny Freshly	Declan Kelly	Sophie Patterson	Kris Shear
Grace Hammond	Easton Kelly	Julie Porretta	Kelsey Vilanova
Taylor Hardy	Lucy Kelly	Maddie Porretta	Matt Whistle
Sophia Hess	Diane LaHue	Maggie Price	Debi Wilson
Cindy Hughes	Kitty Laurich	Faith Ridenbaugh	

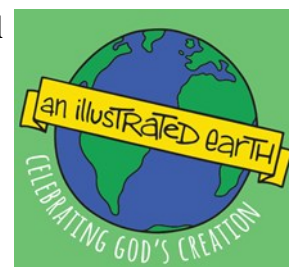
ONGOING EVENTS:

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/

Summer “Sonbeams” 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, preschool through 6th graders may transition to their classrooms. 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!



During the summer months, we offer our Sonbeams program: children will be flexibly grouped each week based on the numbers/ages of children attending, often remaining in one large group (3* and 4 year-olds are welcome in the nursery if parents prefer that space instead of a multi-age environment). Sonbeams runs June 11 through Sept 27. Our Sonbeams curriculum will be *An Illustrated Earth: Celebrating God's Creation*. It is designed to draw children into conversation with Bible stories that celebrate water, plants, food, and animals as elements of God's creation. Each lesson provides opportunities to focus on the story with open-ended questions and creating meaningful art.

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

Donate to WARM for Christmas in July



PARTICIPATE IN WARM'S FIRST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

COLLECTION SITES AVAILABLE FROM JULY 1-JULY 31:	
Annehurst Pool	711 Granby Pl, Westerville, OH 43081
Graeter's	1 North State Street, Westerville, Oh 43081
Highlands Park Aquatic Center	245 South Spring Street, Westerville, OH 43081
Sunny Street Cafe	644 North State Street, Westerville, OH 43082
Westerville City Hall	21 South State Street, Westerville, OH 43081
Westerville Community Center	350 North Cleveland Ave, Westerville, OH 43082
Westerville Justice Center	229 Huber Village Blvd, Westerville, OH 43081
Westerville Public Library	126 South State Street, Westerville, OH 43081
Roush Hardware	609 S State St, Westerville, OH 43081
WARM <i>*Accepting donations year round*</i>	150 Heatherdown Dr. Westerville, OH 4308

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- Ketchup
- Cooking Oil
- Coffee (reg or decaf)
- Helper Meals
- Canned Fruit
- Paper Towels
- Salad Dressings
- Sugar, Granulated
- Cereal
- Dish Soap
- Mayonnaise
- Laundry Detergent
- Toilet Paper
- Crackers
- Raisins



HELP WARM STOCK OUR SHELVES DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS WHEN TRADITIONALLY, FOOD DONATIONS ARE AT THEIR LOWEST.



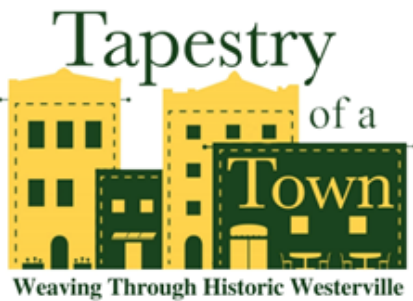
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO MAKE A SECURE ONLINE DONATION, SCAN QR CODE

Westerville Habitat Partnership Hosts Tapestry of a Town

Westerville Habitat Partnership's Tapestry of a Town - a tour of our special town is on! Plan to visit iconic businesses, public buildings and private homes on Sunday, July 30 from 1 - 5 PM. Your \$20 ticket includes a souvenir booklet of information with photos and a map for the self-guided tour and benefits the building projects of the local Habitat for Humanity. Tickets are available at church in the Gathering Space between services starting July 9 through July 30. You can also purchase tickets from our web site: westervillehabitatpartnership.org and pick them up the day of the tour at City Hall, starting at 12:45.

Sites include Hanby House, Blendon Masonic Lodge, Otterbein's Towers Hall, Java Central, COhatch at the old Armory, Rano Art Studio, the Yoga Factory, and 3 charming private residences, including an 1835 farmhouse in an unexpected location.

Every penny of ticket sales go toward home-building projects of our local Habitat for Humanity organization. Learn your town's unique history. Support a great cause. Get some exercise. (although you can actually drive it.) More details on the next page!



These are the special buildings you'll visit on our Tapestry of a Town tour. . .
Step inside and learn about Westerville's fascinating history and dynamic future!



Unbelievable transformation
on College Ave.



Who needs to go Downtown? Art
lives in Westerville.



What? Almost 200 years old? In the
middle of Spring Grove?



Longtime place of worship – now a
charming residence. Who knew?!

July 30, 2023



Historic home of some famous folks.



Still a factory but not for farm equipment.



Iconic centerpiece of Otterbein
Univ. contains a 3rd-floor surprise.



Westerville's de facto meeting place?



Be among the first to see this amazing
re-imagined military facility.



You probably buy pumpkins here,
but ever been inside?

For more information or to order tickets, check
our web site [westervillehabitatpartnership.org](https://www.westervillehabitatpartnership.org) or
click the QR code here.



Westerville Habitat Partnership Hosts Walls Build

Our second event is the **Walls Build August 18 (5pm-7pm) and 19th(7:30AM-NOON)**. Information and signup genius link are available on our website:

<https://www.westervillehabitatpartnership.org/events>

We need volunteers to help set up, cut wood, move cut pieces to the set up area for building on Friday evening and on Saturday morning come to build the walls and load the finished walls onto the truck. We also will need a cleanup crew at the end. All volunteers can sign up using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e45a8a82d6-walls#/>

School and Hygiene Kits

Church World Service (CWS) school and hygiene kits--Help fill kits that will be sent to folks around the world who are fleeing war or natural disasters, or who are living in extreme poverty.

- ✓ Pick up bags and a supply list in the Gathering Space on Sunday, July 16th or 23rd.
- ✓ Returned filled bags to a cart in the Gathering Space on August 13th-20th.



Last year 108,390 hygiene kits and 45,570 school kits were distributed by CWS around the globe. Some of the school kits stayed in our local area. Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS) requested 275 kits that were distributed to many newly-arrived refugee children for whom school supplies were unaffordable. Kashi Adhikari, who works at a local Nepali community center that received some of the kits, said that having new school supplies greatly increased the children's enthusiasm for going to school. He added that such simple acts of kindness can really help refugees adjust to their new lives in the Columbus community. In addition, CWS provided 240 school kits for folks in need in the Franklinton neighborhood west of downtown Columbus. Over 60% of residents in this area live below the poverty line, and 93% of public elementary school students in Franklinton are eligible for free or reduced lunch. Prior to receiving the CWS kits, many students did not have the supplies they needed to start the 2022-2023 school year.

NNEMAP Fundraiser— July 15, 2023

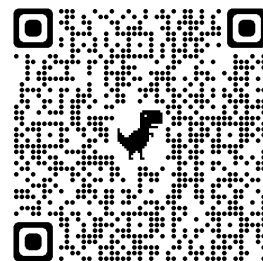
NNEMAP Food Pantry (Near Northside Emergency Material Assistance Program) is one of the local missions that Church of the Master supports. They have a tasty event coming up that you might want to attend!

"A Taste of German Village and The Brewery District" will be held on Saturday, July 15th from 1-4 on the lawn of Grange Insurance on South High and Frankfort. This event has 16 local restaurants from German Village and the Brewery District tabling samples of their food. It is a rare opportunity to experience all these wonderful culinary experiences in one place. Grange Insurance is the sponsor with supporting sponsors Hausfrau Haven and Seventh Son Brewery/AOH providing the libations.



Tickets are \$100 supporting NNEMAP Food Pantry and include two drink tickets. Participants include Chapman's, Agni, Comune, Mohawk, South Village Grill, Arepaza, Local Cantina, Emmett's, Gressos, Matt and Tony's, Jony's Sushi, Bendi, Chocolate Café, Lindy's, Barcelona, and Cento's which is Cameron Mitchell's new Italian restaurant opening in German Village this July! Free parking is available on the Grange parking lot south of the Kroger store at Sycamore and Bank St. just two blocks from the event.

To purchase tickets, scan the QR code to the right or go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-taste-of-german-village-the-brewery-district-tickets-642206074657>



July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9am Worship 10 am Seekers Sunday School 10 am Welcome Reception for Pastor Katya 11am Worship+ Livestream & Nursery	3	4 Independence Day– Church Office Closed	5	6	7	8
9 9 am Worship 10 am Seekers Sunday School 11 am Worship + Livestream, Nursery & Sonbeams	10	11 9 am Tai Chi 10 am Staff Meeting	12	13	14	15
16 9 am Worship 9:45am-12:30 pm School & Hygiene Kit Distribution 10 am Seekers Sunday School Class 11 am Worship + Livestream, Nursery & Sonbeams	17 7 pm Leadership Council Gathering	18 All Day– YWCA Cooking 9 am Tai Chi 10 am Staff Meeting	19	20	21	22
23 9 am Worship 9:45am-12:30 pm School & Hygiene Kit Distribution 10 am Seekers Sunday School 11 am Worship + Livestream, Nursery & Sonbeams	24 6 pm Missions and Outreach Committee	25 9 am Tai Chi 10:00 am Staff Meeting	26	27	28	29
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GROW IN CHRIST.
LIVE TO SERVE.**

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