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# A Letter from the Pastor: by Pastor Jay Anderson

*Be Thou My vision,  
O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me,  
save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought,  
by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping,  
thy presence my light.*

I spoke to you a little in my sermon on Pentecost Sunday about vision. The weekend before that I had the joy of spending the day with our Church Council, the leaders of our congregation, and talking a bit more extensively about vision and mission, about discipleship and outreach, and about structure. It was a great day in which we spent a good bit of time exploring **WHY** we do what it is we do, **HOW** we do it, and **WHAT** that looks like. I greatly appreciate how those leaders present fully engaged in our discussions and work for the day and brought their very best to the tables as we considered how we are called to be the church in a post-pandemic world.

As part of our time together we used a video by Simon Sinek, a business consultant whose work easily translates into the life of the church, as he discussed what he calls The Golden Circle, and the need to find our **WHY**. And while I can't, in this space, go into all that he talks about in this 18 minutes video, I encourage you to go to YouTube, search for "Simon Sinek The Golden Circle," and then watch the 18:34 version of the video that our leadership team viewed that day. In a nutshell, he proposes that people don't buy what you do, they buy why you do it, and so discovering your **WHY** is crucial to growth, in whatever form that takes.

And as I shared with our leaders, our **WHY** is pretty easy! As United Methodists our **WHY**, that is our Mission, is given to us by Jesus in the Great Commission, as adopted by the denomination:

*Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

In that mission statement then, the **WHY** is *for the transformation of the world*. That is **WHY** we do what we do, why we worship, why we serve, why we study - *to transform the world*. **WHAT** that mission statement calls us to do in order to transform the world, *is to make disciples*. We make disciples *in order to* transform the world. The missing piece, then, of Sinek's Gold Circle is the **HOW**. How do we make disciples? Or thought of another way, **HOW** do we see ourselves, living into this mission? The "HOW do we see ourselves doing this" piece, "HOW we see ourselves living into or fulfilling our mission" is our Vision. And what does that look like?

*Be thou my wisdom,  
and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee  
and thous with me, Lord;  
thou and thou only,  
first in my heart,  
great God of heaven,  
my treasure thou art.*

I proposed a vision to our Leadership Team that begins to address that idea, that vision. In order to “make disciples,” we must first “be disciples,” yet we have no clear discipleship process in place. A discipleship process is a system or process through which one learns about the faith, learns about how to intentionally practice the faith, and how to live into the model that Jesus taught his first disciples. So among many other things, it might include learning how to pray, it might include learning about spiritual disciplines, it might include bible and book studies that help us learn and grow in our faith. Yes, we have the occasional study here and there, and we have a couple of Sunday School classes, but far and away the overwhelming majority of our congregation are not currently engaged in any kind of intentional faith formation or intentional discipleship process, because we do not have one. We can’t make disciples for the transformation of the world if we don’t first become disciples. As they say in leadership training circles, “you can’t lead someone to a place you’re not going!” So I proposed, and the Council approved, moving forward with a structure for an intentional discipleship process that we are beginning to put together now and will hopefully be able to present to you beginning this fall.

That said, it doesn’t matter how good our discipleship system is if people are too busy attending meetings all the time and don’t have the time to participate. Like most United Methodist Churches we have way too many meetings going on, and while some meetings are important in planning for ministry, most meetings are often mistaken FOR ministry. And nobody likes sitting in meetings anyway! The denomination, in their infinite wisdom, wrote into our Book of Discipline many years ago, an alternative way of organizing that enables the same important work to be done but with fewer meetings. And what it hopes to identify and improve upon is that old 80/20 rule that says 80% of the work is done by 20% of the people. And while I don’t know that those percentages would hold true in our congregation, the concept certainly does. When you go to any of the major administrative meetings in the life of the church, you see the same people, week after week, meeting after meeting. If we could reorganize in such a way that would free up multiple hours for people to do things like serve in a mission or outreach, or, to participate in a class or study, that will help them grow in their discipleship. And making disciples for the transformation of the world is what we are called to do. So at our gathering time, the Council also approved moving forward with a process to explore what an alternative organizational structure might look like for us as we seek to live into our mission going forward. We will keep you in the loop as we move forward on this front as well.

*“Where there is no vision the people will perish.” Proverbs 29:18*

The church in a post-pandemic world WILL be a different place, it’s not a matter of IF, it’s a matter of HOW and HOW MUCH. We have a talented leadership team and staff here at Church of the Master who welcome the challenges of embracing whatever new vision God has for us as we move forward. I ask for your prayer for our leaders as they prayerfully seek to discern the HOW that God is calling us toward in order to live into our WHY.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Jay

## Summer Worship

Families are encouraged to worship together during the 9:00 a.m. outdoor service. We will have worship bags with activities to help your children stay engaged during the service.

Our Sunday morning children's church program (Sonbeams) and nursery care are offered during the 11:00 service.

## Sonbeams

Our preschool and elementary children begin the 11:00 worship service with their families and will be invited to meet their teachers in the Gathering Space after the children's message to transition to their classrooms. Children will be flexibly grouped each week based on the numbers and ages of children attending. All children age 3 and up will need to wear masks.

This month we will be learning about Paul.

Week	Lesson	Scripture
June 6	Paul's Conversion	Acts 9:1-20
June 13	Love in Action	Romans 12:9-18
June 20	Paul Escapes	Acts 9:20-25
June 27	VBS Sunday –Children will worship with their families.	

## Teachers Needed!

We need volunteers to help nurture and teach our young disciples during July and August. Volunteers are asked to help teach once a month. Please contact Erin Flory ([children@chmaster.org](mailto:children@chmaster.org)) if you would be willing to serve in the teaching rotation this summer.

## Calling all 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders!

Lighting the candles is an important part of our worship service and we need your help! If you would like to serve as an acolyte, please let Miss Erin or Miss Denise know so we can add you to the schedule for this summer. Never served as an acolyte before? No worries! We will make sure you can practice and feel comfortable beforehand.

## Join our Summer Bible Bingo Challenge!

Pick up a Bingo sheet in the Gathering Space and jump into some Bible reading this summer! Each time you read a Bible story either put a sticker on that square or mark it with an "x." When you fill in an entire side (either Old Testament or New Testament) bring it back to church for a special prize!





# Love God, Grow in Christ, and Live to Serve at CLUB S.A.M. 2021!



## **About Club S.A.M.**

All rising 1<sup>st</sup>- rising 6th graders are invited.

It is a summer mission opportunity for the children of Church of the Master.

S.A.M. stands for Summer Acts of Mercy and the goal is to have the children participate in an act of kindness each time we meet.

Children can sign up for one date or all four.

Club S.A.M. will be Wednesday mornings, 9 a.m.–12:00 p.m. on the following dates:

June 2

June 16

July 7

July 21

Each CLUB S.A.M. session will have a special focus where the kids are actively engaged in projects to share God's love within our church and larger community. Each day we will have a Bible story, snack, mission preparation and activity. We will then walk to Alum Creek Park and return to the church for popsicles before dismissal.

## **Things to Note:**

- Each child must have new Children's Ministry form on file. Miss Erin will give you the new forms to complete when you register for Club S.A.M.
- Children should wear a mask, bring a back-up mask, a water bottle and a beach towel (we will use for distancing)

**Cost:** \$5 per child per day - money due at sign in

**Registration:** All children should be signed up by the Sunday in advance of the CLUB S.A.M. session they are attending. Please contact Erin Flory to register ([children@chmaster.org](mailto:children@chmaster.org)).

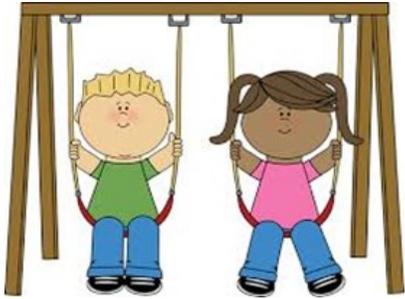
## **Day Camp Set-Up Help Needed – Sunday, June 20th!**



Lots of hands (along with vans and trucks!) are needed to help move all of the day camp supplies out to Sugarbush for Day Camp. We will meet at the church at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Please let Erin Flory know if you are able to lend a helping hand that day.

## Church of the Master Park Hop!

Enjoy fellowship with other families as we explore different parks around Westerville this summer! Bring a blanket as we will enjoy some music, a story or a game together before we play! We will meet at 10:00 a.m. on the following Wednesdays.



Date	Park
June 9	Walnut Ridge Park
June 30	Huber Village Park
July 14	Alum Creek Park
July 28	Spring Grove North Park

Please wear a mask. We will have hand sanitizer available for before/after playing.

\*Please note this is an activity for children and their families. It is NOT a drop off activity.

### Last Call for West Ohio Camps Scholarships

If your child is attending a West Ohio Camp this summer, you must let Erin Flory know by **June 1, 2021** in order to be eligible for the Church of the Master camp scholarship.

Church of the Master recognizes summer camp plays an amazing role in the faith formation process of our kids and youth and provides camp scholarships to assist with the cost of camp for any Church of the Master child or youth attending a West Ohio Camp. These scholarships are available to all children/youth of church members and are not based on need.

### Church of the Master Zoo Day!



Meet up with other Master families at the Columbus Zoo, Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup>. Miss Erin will give each family a photo scavenger hunt to complete at their own pace (we will send the scavenger hunt ahead of time). We will meet at the picnic tables near the lake/Asia Quest area at 11:30 a.m. Feel free to pack a picnic lunch and join other Master families for a day of fun and fellowship. Please let Erin Flory know if you plan to attend.

## Music Ministry News by Christopher Bowling

Commitment is a common thread among all musician, professional and amateur. We are committed to learning our instrument, committed to practicing our instrument, and committed to sharing our instrument, usually in some form of ensemble. Hours of lessons, practice and rehearsals all make us better at what we do. It is also the commitments of our day to day life that discourages many people from be a part of a musical group. We may enjoy singing or playing an instrument but the thought of a long-term commitment for rehearsals is enough of a reason to discourage us from joining a group.

I have always considered the doors of our music ministry open, to allow singers and musicians to participate in the music ministry as their individual lives allowed them. Though that may not have always been communicated clearly. It is with an eye toward the future of our music ministry that I have been prayerfully discerning a new way of doing things. Pastor Jay proposed the idea of choir “sessions” as opposed to a season long commitment to the Chancel Choir. This would be for those who would like to sing but the length of the overall choir season discourages their participation.

Each session would be 7-9 weeks and end with a musical service. The first session will begin with the regular choir season on September 8<sup>th</sup> and will end on October 31<sup>st</sup> with *A Festival of Hymns*. *A Festival of Hymns* is a musical worship experience where we will celebrate traditional hymns of the faith and the hymn writers who brought them to life. Session two will overlap the end of the first session by a couple weeks and will focus towards a Christmas presentation of the first section of Handel’s *Messiah*. Sessions three and four will take us to Easter and then on to another musical celebration just before summer. Again, while we are anchoring these sessions with musical worship experiences, our primary focus will be leading the music of the 11 a.m. worship service. I also want to offer another option for participation with the choir, and that is just participating in the major musical services throughout the year. In past ministries, I have always had singers who just wanted to join us for a cantata or masterwork, and I have always welcomed their participation with a modified rehearsal schedule that lead up to each musical worship service.

This is just the first of new ways of doing music ministry that I am prayerfully exploring. In the fall I am hoping to bring back the youth praise team, as well as, exploring ways to grow our present praise ensemble. I am also hoping to bring back the chamber ensemble that played from time to time during our video worship services.

But before the fall, I am looking for drummers, specifically hand drummers. Our upcoming July worship series has a drum circle as a part of weekly worship. So, I am looking for drummers to join us each week and drum during worship. You do not have to have your own equipment, but if you do, you are welcome to bring it with you. We will meet a few times in June, at everyone’s convenience, to rehearse before opening worship in July.

If you have any questions about participating in the music ministry plans above, or if you would like to participate in any way in the music ministry please reach out to me via email:

[music@chmaster.org](mailto:music@chmaster.org) .

Blessings,

Chris

# Congregation Updates

## Greeters Needed

As we return to in-person worship in the sanctuary, we are in need of greeters starting May 23, 2021. If you are interested in signing up, please contact Becky Watson at [becky.watson@ameritech.net](mailto:becky.watson@ameritech.net). Thank you!



## New Reconciling Group!

A new study group, "Called to Love," is forming within our church as a branch of the Reconciling Ministries Network. "Called to Love" seeks 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. Please join us Thursday, June 17th at 7pm, in the sanctuary, as we begin this educational and grace-filled discussion! If you have questions, contact Cindy Hughes [hughes\\_cindy@yahoo.com](mailto:hughes_cindy@yahoo.com).



## Coming soon!

Chimes and Handbells for children and youth Sundays in July. Watch the Sunday Bulletins and July newsletter for details. Questions? Kim Hoessly, [handbells@chmaster.org](mailto:handbells@chmaster.org) or 614-537-8596

### Walking for Water Update

Collectively our participants have walked 754 miles and we are 23.65% of the way to Nicaragua! This puts us near the southern border of Arkansas near the city of Magnolia. There is still time to join us! Our walk to Nicaragua will be continuing through Labor Day weekend. To join, email the church office at:

[office@chmaster.org](mailto:office@chmaster.org)

### Soul Reset book study:

*[Soul Reset: Breakdown, Breakthrough, and the Journey to Wholeness](#)* is a [6-week study](#) for everyone who moves at breakneck speed through their daily lives, often relying only on their own strength to bring God's kingdom on earth. Jesus shows us a different way, an easier, unforced rhythm of what kingdom work looks like. It's a balance of work, rest, play, worship, exercise, and eating well—spiritual practices that keep our souls hydrated and healthy as we do the work of the church in the world.

[Soul Reset](#) is a call for the church and all of Jesus' disciples to reset and reorder their lives around spiritual practices, to learn to walk through our difficult seasons with our souls connected to the source of Living Water so that we don't burn out or break down. And if we do burn out or break down, we learn to lift one another up and point one another back to Jesus.

The book was written by the late Junius Dotson, General Secretary of Discipleship Ministries, out of his own personal journey. This will be a Zoom study and will be held on Wednesdays from 7-8:30 PM beginning June 23rd and ending about August 4th. Leaders for the study are Harry and Ann Peat. The cost of the book is \$10. To order a book and register for the class to receive an email with the Zoom information, call the church office or email Amber at: [office@chmaster.org](mailto:office@chmaster.org). Please register by June 9th in order to ensure you receive a book in time for the class.



We have had a CCTV in storage for over three years and finally found a good home for it. Please see the following message.

April: I want to thank you and the Church of the Master for the donation of the Merlin CCTV from Enhanced Vision.

About one week before your email, I met with a gentleman on the east side of Columbus, out by the airport. He is legally blind but does have some residual vision and is able to read text with the help of a CCTV. Unfortunately, his aging unit had broken, couldn't be fixed, and he was unable to afford a new one. I left him a loaner he could use for a few weeks while we tried to come up with a plan to help him. Then your email came in perfect timing.

After picking up the device from you, I delivered it to him later that morning. He was so grateful to receive it. He also said his sister would be excited to learn of the origin of the donation, as she had been praying to God every day for a solution.

Your generous donation has been put to wonderful use and certainly seems to be the answer to a prayer. Thank you again.

William T. Darling, Ph.D., Director

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# June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:30 A-SAA Meeting 10 A- Staff Meeting	2 7:30 A-SAA Meeting 9 A- Club S.A.M. 7 P- Choir Rehearsal	3 7:30 A-SAA Meeting	4 7:30 A-SAA Meeting 6:30 P- SA Meeting	5 9 A- Worship Planning Meeting 9:30 A- Brave Young Voices Rehearsal 11:30A-Church of the Master Zoo Day
6 9 A- Outdoor Worship 11 A- In Person and Livestream Worship 11- Nursery/ Rainbows and Dewdrops	7 7:30 A-SAA Meeting 6:30 P- BSA Troop 560	8 7:30 A-SAA Meeting 10 A- Staff Meeting	9 7:30 A-SAA Meeting 7 P- Choir Rehearsal 10 A- Park Hop- Walnut Ridge	10 7:30 A-SAA Meeting 7:00P-VBS/Day Camp Volunteer Meeting	11 7:30 A-SAA Meeting 6:30 P- SA Meeting	12 9:30 A- Brave Young Voices Rehearsal
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