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Official Newsletter of Church of the Master



A Letter from the Pastor: by Pastor Jay Anderson

Summer has arrived and, of course, that means different things for different people. I always enjoy summer because I can play golf with Lynn or with friends, and because things feel like they slow down just a little bit in the life of the church (although our youth and children's leaders would probably push back on that statement!). Summer just feels more relaxed in a lot of ways - some people vacation, there are trips to the zoo, 4th Fridays Uptown returns, picnics, local swimming pools are open, and so much more.

In the life of the church we have the West Ohio Annual Conference during the summer - this year, once again, completely virtual. Annual Conference will take place via Zoom again this year, on Friday June 4th and Saturday June 5th. I will be "zooming to AC" this year, as will Julie Porretta, the Lay Member to Annual Conference from Church of the Master. In addition, we have several members who are At-Large members for the Capitol Area North District: Amy Heaton, David Day, Ann Peat, and Harry Peat. So Church of the Master will be well-represented.

Even as General Conference, the governing body of the United Methodist denomination, has been delayed until 2024, and with it any action that might lead to any official split in the denomination, things are still happening at the Annual Conference level. There will be legislation considered at Annual Conference this year about what would be the financial liabilities of a congregation that chooses to disaffiliate from the denomination to either join another denomination or to become an independent congregation. Disaffiliation has always been an option for a congregation that does not desire to remain in the UMC, but with the recent actions by General Conference around LGBTQ issues, General Conference also approved other means for churches to disaffiliate if they choose to do so. This will likely be the "big" issue at Annual Conference this year, as the yearly work of approving budgets and nomination slates for conference positions rarely raises much discussion.

After Annual Conference is complete, Julie Porretta will prepare a report on the conference to share with all of you, as is her responsibility as the Lay Member to Annual Conference from Church of the Master. In addition, though, later this summer we will begin taking a closer look at what is going on in the life of the UMC, the recent kick-off of what is called the Global Methodist Church - a new theologically conservative denomination of congregations who have chosen to disaffiliate from the UMC over LGBTQ issues - and we'll get into what the bible says and does not say about homosexuality in the first place, which is at the heart of this whole issue.

So, while parts of our church life together slow down over the summer, this is not the time to "take the summer off" from church. There will be some great things going on in worship all summer, special music every week, big Sunday events like VBS Sunday on June 19th (ONE SERVICE, 10AM with food trucks afterwards), Graduate Recognition Sunday on June 26th, and more. So kick back and relax this summer, but don't disengage - you're not going to want to miss all that is going on!

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Jay

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News from Pastor Lucy: Campus Ministry

Pasta Dinner- Yes, it was a success!

This April we served approximately 150 Otterbein students during our “soft opening” of the church kitchen. We made enough food to serve up to 600 people. Our Campus Task Force set out to design this meal in the safest way possible (take-out) as we are still in a pandemic. We also had to figure we would be feeding less people than we have in the past (around 800). We advertised, we spoke with students, we had several students excited about this event. Our design for the meal was also a simplified version of the usual spaghetti dinner. Steve Perry and Lynn Anderson helped design this dinner of baked pasta, simple salad, Schneider’s rolls, and individual desserts, while not compromising taste! While we may have only served 150 meals in our building, we were blessed to share many more meals at the Open Shelter in Columbus.

We have been asked if this event was a success, and all of us who created this event would say, “YES!” Many factors led to serving less students while serving more of the wider community. We served during the last week of classes, so some students were already heading home. The graduating seniors were the last class to have fully experienced an original spaghetti dinner at Church of the Master (before the pandemic). Therefore, many of the other classes were unaware of this tradition. The current reality is that many students are often not attending events, either for safety reasons or for the lack of community they have experienced during Covid-19.

The success we experienced was in the fellowship of those serving, in the people served, in the renewed vision that we can gather again and create meals for people in our own church kitchen, and especially in the sense of community felt again in our church! Thank you to all who helped plan, shop, cook, greet, serve, clean, and deliver the food to the Open Shelter! We are so appreciative of all the support Church of the Master gives campus ministry, which will continue to grow and serve...here in this community and beyond!

Attention Graduates



If you or your child are graduating this year from high school, technical school, college or graduate school, please let us know! We will be celebrating Graduation Sunday June 26th. Please contact Susan Hammond (office@chmaster.org) by June 12th with the name, educational institution, degree earned, and current address of the graduate. Also let her know if the graduate will be present at the 9 or 11 am service June 26, 2022.

Music Notes

As summer approaches and the chancel choir season winds down, I would like to extend an invitation to singers outside the chancel choir to join us for “Summer Singing.” This will take place on the last Sunday of each month beginning in June. Singers will meet at 10:30 and learn a simple anthem that we will share in worship that morning. The first Summer Singing will take place on Sunday, June 26. Anyone interest can reach out to me, music@chmaster.org, for more information.

We have many other music opportunities coming in the near future, including the inaugural concert of our very own concert series here at Church of the Master. Be watching for more announcements in the coming future.

Peace,

Christopher

Children's Ministry Newsletter

June 2022



Summer Sundays: Sonbeams!

Families are encouraged to worship together during the 9:00AM 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 Sonbeams. 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!



Our Summer "Sonbeams" curriculum will be a thorough exploration of *The Lord's Prayer*, that engages with artwork, children books, and yoga, in addition to Biblical resources! Children will be flexibly grouped each week based on the numbers/ages of children attending, sometimes 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). The curriculum runs June 12 through Sept 4, by which time we hope even our youngest children will have made significant progress toward memorizing this most important prayer!

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 is still offered during 11AM "Family Worship.")

**3-year-olds attending Sonbeams 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. 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/

Sunday Teachers Needed starting in September!

We are pleased to be able to give our teaching volunteers the majority of the summer “off!” We will need volunteers to help nurture and teach 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 Hughes (children@chmaster.org) if you would be willing to be added to the volunteer rotation for the 2022-23 school year!

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, June 5th: “Family Worship,” Recognition of Dewdrops/Rainbows/U2 Volunteers!

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.) We will also recognize and thank all our Sunday morning children’s ministry teachers and assistance during this service!

Sunday, June 12th: Day Camp Set-Up Help Needed!

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 12th**. Please let Cindy Hughes know if you are able to lend a helping hand that day!



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

Our theme this year is *Food Truck Party*, based on Matthew 6:11 “Give us this day our daily bread.” Together we’ll explore how we can trust in God to meet our daily needs, and so in turn, we can become the hands of God, to provide love and care for others. Kids will participate in memorable, Bible-learning activities, create fun crafts, explore amazing science experiments and serve God through mission projects.



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” from 11AM-1PM in the parking lot, where you can purchase from the *Broke Johnny* brunch truck, and *Little Ladies Soft Serve* ice cream truck!

Summer 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. If your child would like to serve, but has not yet completed an Acolyte training, you may still sign up - I’ll just need your child to arrive about 15 minutes early to “train” prior to the service. Sign up here for as many Sundays as you wish: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AADA72AABFF2-acolytes4>

Discipleship Growth Opportunity

Pastor Lucy Kelly and Emily Knoth will be leading an intergenerational summer study via Zoom. The book is Making Sense of the Bible by Adam Hamilton. To join, all you need to do is purchase your own book and contact Pastor Lucy for the zoom link. Details below.

Church of the Master
A 9-week zoom book study series:

Making Sense of the Bible

Hosted by Emily Knoth and Lucy Kelly
Monday's at 6p, starting June 20th
reach out for the zoom link!

associate@chmaster.org

U2 Ministry News

Hello Families!

We are getting excited about VBS! Our U2 crew will have the opportunity to grow in faith as an entire team! Can't wait to see you there. This summer we are going to come together in fellowship. Fellowship in youth allows us to discover who we are, where we belong, and why we matter, together. Fellowship gives us opportunities to grow in our love of Christ. This summer after VBS we are looking for fellowship opportunities for our 4th-6th graders. Please take time to ask your child which activities they would like to be involved in throughout the year. We want to gear our fellowship to the needs and interests of our children. Please click on the link below to fill out the form with your child to help us plan our summer fellowship getaway! Please have all responses filled out by June 10th as we would like to have something planned for the month of July.



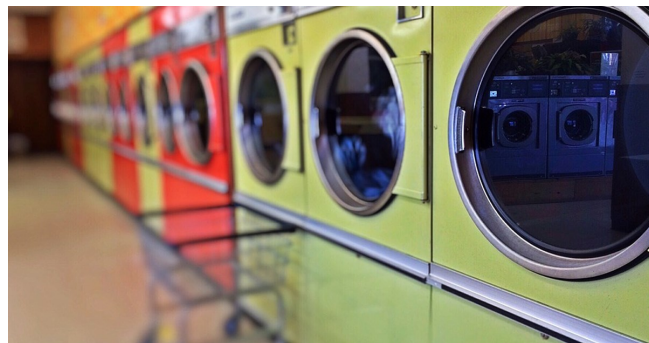
[Survey](#)

Please join us this summer as we dig deeper into the Lord's prayer. We will be learning through movement, games, and other hands-on activities to help us learn and recite the Lord's Prayer by the end of the year. All children, 4th-6th grade are invited to join us at the 11:00 service to U2 to dig deeper together.

Mission Spotlight: Laundry Ministry

The Laundry Ministry is a local outreach ministry through Church of the Master that began in the fall of 2014. We began with 2 families that year and as of February 2020 (just at the beginning of the pandemic) we had 24 individuals and families that were being served each month with approximately 11 volunteers.

The purpose of the laundry ministry is to show radical hospitality to our neighbors by providing help with a basic need in an atmosphere of fellowship and caring. We assist people who hear about our ministry through W.A.R.M.. We meet at a local laundry mat on a specific day of each month and assist them while they do their laundry. This includes paying for the washers and dryers which is a huge help to these families. Children are welcome and quite often snacks are provided. While waiting for washers to complete a cycle, we engage in getting to know each other and share fellowship. The recipients are thankful that they have clean clothes and bedding. They can relax and enjoy the time while putting worries aside. One particular recipient was homeless when they first came to the laundry ministry. With the help and encouragement of our volunteers this person has found a place to live and full time employment.



Since the pandemic we were able to keep in touch with all of our clients and helped them in other ways such as having them come to the church parking lot to pick up new blankets and gifts. We held a church luncheon and handed out gift bags and new bath towels.

Now that things are getting back to the new normal we are slowly starting to meet clients at the laundry mat again. We are doing a couple of smaller sessions a month.

The laundry ministry is funded through the Outreach/Local Missions committee at Church of the Master and by monies donated specifically for this ministry by individuals and various groups.

If you would like to learn more about this wonderful Ministry please contact Sherri Mettle at 614-313-5986.

Called to Love

June is PRIDE MONTH, and so in lieu of a formal “Called to Love” meeting, we hope that you’ll attend one or more of the many events happening in celebration!

Here in Westerville, you can attend the “Pride Month Kick-Off” from 6-7 on Wednesday, June 1, to commemorate the flying of the Pride Flag at City Hall. Then on Saturday, June 11th, celebrate Westerville’s 2nd annual PRIDE event at City Hall Green, in conjunction with the Westerville Farmers Market! You can participate in community art, enjoy performances from our Westerville HS theater students, with a special showcase of local drag queens and kings, and information booths by other community organizations. You can find more details at www.westervillequeercollective.org/pride



Also on June 11th, Bethel International UMC is hosting the Central Ohio Reconciling Ministries PRIDE Festival from 11am-2pm. There’ll be live music, food vendors, games, and Worship at 1:45 to conclude this family-friendly event. Find more details on the Bethel UMC website at <https://www.mybethel.org/events/rmns-pride-festival/2022-06-11>

And, if you’re looking to head downtown, there are PRIDE events all month long sponsored by Stonewall Columbus, including the Pride March and Columbus Pride Community Festival, both on Saturday, June 18th. Go to <https://stonewallcolumbus.org/pride/>

June Health Cabinet Huddle

The Church of the Master Health Cabinet would like to invite you to come walk with us again this Summer! This year our theme is “Around the ‘Ville in 98 days”. We are encouraging you to explore Westerville and deepen your faith through a guidebook of devotions and meditations. In addition to physical exercise, we hope you will find your own thin places and God-sightings around Westerville. A thin place is any place where heaven and earth have come close together, and you have felt the presence and power of God. Somewhat similarly, a God-sighting is where you see evidence of God on earth, for example in the first spring blooms rising from “dead” earth.

Our Summer walking program will once again be collecting your miles, and our goal will be to walk 12,740 miles to represent the 12.74 square miles of Westerville. We will be collecting your miles from Sunday of Memorial Day weekend (5/29) until Saturday of Labor Day weekend (9/3)- 14 weeks total, or 98 days. Rest assured- You DO NOT need to walk all 98 days of the Summer to participate!

Guidebooks will be available in the Gathering Space beginning Sunday, May 29. We look forward to walking with you in fellowship this summer and hope you will share some of your God-sightings, thin places, and photos with us! Please sign up to receive weekly email reminders to submit your miles by calling the church office or signing up on Sunday morning at the back of the Gathering Space. Looking forward to seeing you walking around the ‘Ville this summer!



Artwork by Ainsley Patterson

United Women in Faith

Sarah and Lydia Circles are planning on going to Monte Carlos on Shrock Road for lunch together for their June meeting. The date will be the usual second Tuesday of the month, June 14th at 12:30 p.m. If you would like to participate please contact Carol Rogers by phone at (614-563-9978 or 614-882-4655) or by email at crogers5880@gmail.com. Please rsvp by June 8th. We look forward to an informal time of fellowship together.

JUNE 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	2	3	4
5 9:00 am Worship 11:00 am Livestream Worship 11:00 am Nursery/ Rainbows & Dewdrops	6 6:00 pm Confirmation Follow-Up Meeting 7:00 pm SPRC	7 YOUTH MISSION TRIP 10:00 am Staff Meeting	8 YOUTH MISSION TRIP	9 YOUTH MISSION TRIP	10 YOUTH MISSION TRIP	11 YOUTH MISSION TRIP
12 9:00 am Worship 11:00 am Livestream Worship 11:00 am Nursery & Sonbeams 2:00 Day Camp Load-In 5:00 pm Youth Group	13 9:00-11:30 am VBS 9:30am -2:45 pm Day Camp 7:00 pm Finance Committee	14 9:00-11:30 am VBS 9:30am -2:45 pm Day Camp 12:30 pm United Women in Faith Lunch at Monte Carlos	15 9:00-11:30 am VBS 9:30am -2:45 pm Day Camp	16 9:00-11:30 am VBS 9:30am -2:45 pm Day Camp 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry	17 9:00-11:30 am VBS 9:30am -2:45 pm Day Camp	18
19 10:00 am Livestream Worship 10:00 am Nursery & Sonbeams 11:00 am Food Truck Party 5:00 pm Youth Group	20 JUNETEENTH— CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm Trustees	21 10:00 am Staff Meeting	22	23	24	25
26 9:00 am Worship 11:00 am Livestream Worship 11:00 am Nursery & Sonbeams 5:00 pm Youth Group	27	28 10:00 am Staff Meeting (Reports Only)	29	30		



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LIVE TO SERVE.**

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