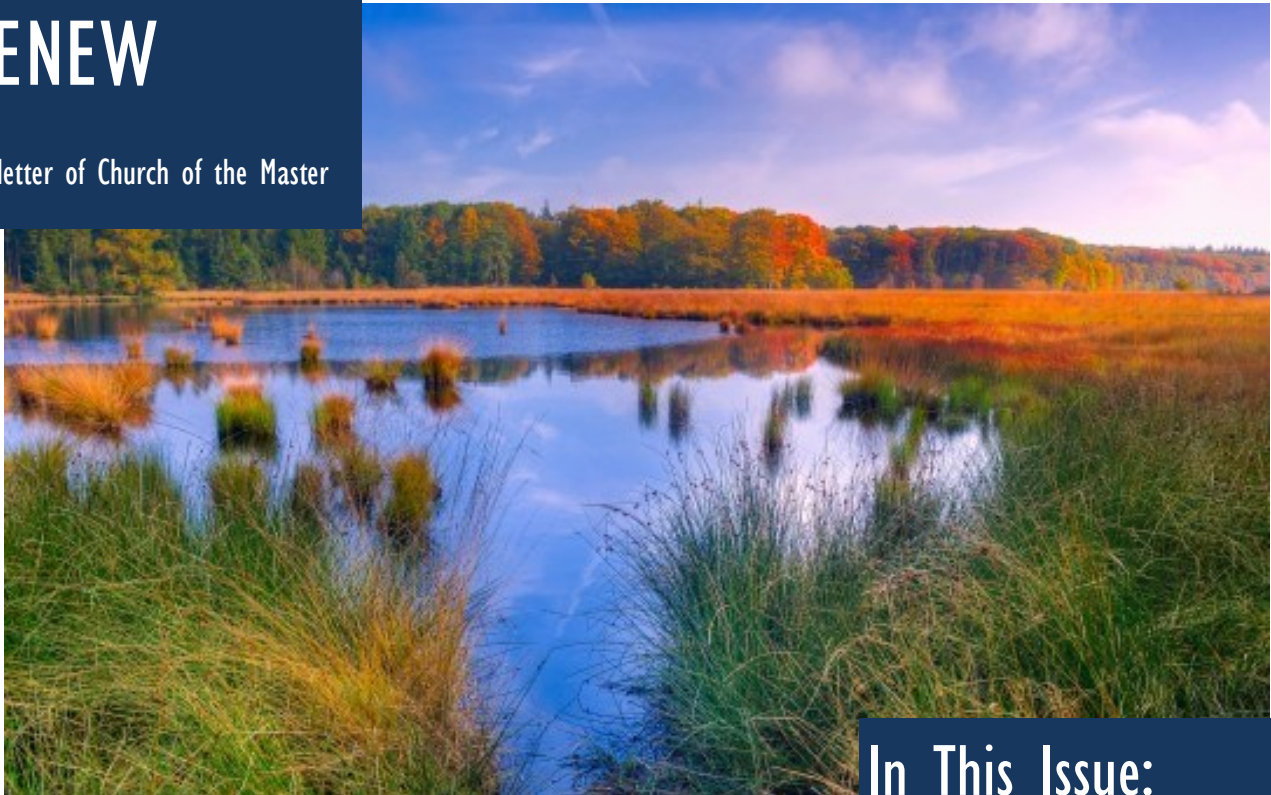


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Official Newsletter of Church of the Master



## A Letter from Pastor Jay By Rev. Jay Anderson

Hello friends,

As I write this it is Monday morning, October 31st, my first day back in the office after Lynn's and my wonderful vacation to California. We had a wonderful trip to San Francisco, Napa Valley, and other parts of northern California, and had a chance to visit with family while there as well. Parts of the trip were great fun, other parts extremely stressful, as is often the case when flying and traveling these days. But we made it, we enjoyed ourselves, and we're back, rested and ready to go!

First I want to thank our staff, and especially Pastor Lucy, for holding things together and dealing with an inordinate amount of pastoral care calls, visits, and even funerals while I was gone. I knew going into this time away that they could handle whatever came their way (even if they weren't necessarily confident of that) but nobody expected the extent of the pastoral care needs that would present themselves over a two week period. So thank you to all who did so wonderfully in caring for our church family.

We continue in the worship series I described last month in this space about the Discipleship journey. At this point we have explored Worship, Scripture Reading, Prayer, Service, and Witness and the journey continues. I have been humbled by the wonderful responses to the weekly commitment cards that you all have completed as we have continued this journey together and the hope that that portends for our future. (Cont., page 02)

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This Sunday we will continue this journey with an exploration of the importance of Community in our faith journey while we also remember and honor those of our Community who have died in the past year in our All Saint's Worship. Soon after that, we will begin consideration of Giving as part of the faith and discipleship journey as we make our commitments to financially supporting the mission and ministry of Church of the Master for the coming year. You will receive information in the mail, along with a Narrative Budget and commitment card prior to Consecration Sunday on November 20th. I hope you will begin now to prayerfully consider what percentage of your income God is calling you to give to support the work that God has inspired and empowered through the wonderful servants in our community here at Church of the Master. It was that same prayerful consideration and giving by those who have gone before that has enabled us to do the ministry we do now. What we do in the future rests in all of our hands at this time. It is a gift we have received and that we are called to pass on.

May God bless you as you go to God at this time.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Jay

## Save the Date: Annual Fall Church Conference

Please mark your calendar for our annual fall Church Conference:

**Sunday, November 13, 2022**  
**7-8:30 pm**  
**New Albany United Methodist Church**  
**20 3rd St. New Albany, OH 43054.**

All are invited to attend.

## Choral Evensong Service

Sunday, November 6 at 6:30 PM the Chancel Choir will be leading us in our first Choral Evensong service, Honoring All Saints Sunday and as a part of the Vance Concert Series. The choir will be presenting Mozart's Solemn Vespers as part of this worship experience. This choral work is comprised of five Psalms and the Magnificat that are usually prayed during a vespers service. A brief reception will follow the service, and a love offering benefiting the concert series will be taken. We look forward to seeing you there!



# Children's Ministry Newsletter

## November 2022

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### **Sunday, October 2nd: Family Worship**

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.)

#### **Thursday, October 27th: Session 2 of Chime Choir begins!**

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 2 begins Thursday, 10/27, includes ringing during a concert on December 11 at 2:30, and concludes with ringing during Family Christmas Eve on December 24 at 5pm.

#### **Thursday, November 24th: Thanksgiving Day - NO M&Ms!**

#### **Saturday, December 24th: Christmas Eve, Family Worship at 5pm!**

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Please watch this [video](#) for a full overview of our Children's Ministry activities – I urge each parent to volunteer in some capacity at least once a month. We simply **cannot** offer these activities without YOU!

#### **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 through November: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4aada72aabff2-mms1>  
December – March: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AADA72AABFF2-mms2>

#### **WINTER Acolytes Needed!**

We need 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders 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, I'll just need your child to arrive about 15 minutes prior to the 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 outreach? Do you have fond memories of your own time as a child at Day Camp? Come lend your gifts to 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/](http://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			<b>Chimes (6<sup>th</sup>*)</b> Rm 20		<b>Youth Handbells</b>	
5:30	<b>Cherub Choir</b> (with parents) Fellowship Hall		<b>Faith &amp; Mission</b> Rm 17	<b>Faith &amp; Mission</b> U2 Rm	<i>Assist w/Cherubs, Faith &amp; Mission or Dinner Prep</i>	Cherub Choir or Dinner Prep
6:00	<b>Dinner in Fellowship Hall</b>					
6:30	<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Faith &amp; Mission</b> Rm 8	<b>Junior Choir (6<sup>th</sup>*)</b> Rm 15		<b>6<sup>th</sup> Gr + Youth Activities</b>	<i>(Dinner Clean-up)</i> <b>Bible Study</b> Fellowship Hall

## 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, preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

Parents have flexibility to make the best choice for their child regarding class placement. If your 3 or 4-year-old is more comfortable in the Nursery instead of Dewdrops, if your 4<sup>th</sup> grader is better served by attending Rainbows, or if your 6<sup>th</sup> grader is ready to "graduate" U2 and remain in Worship, etc., we support you in these accommodations. Please chat with our Educational Ministry Team!

## New: Young Adult Ministry

Are you between the ages of post high school through 30 years of age? Are you looking for something new to get involved in? Come check out the young adult ministry! This new group is meeting once a month for fellowship and service projects. Our next meeting will be November 15th from 7:30-9pm in the chapel for a game night! Bring your favorite games and be prepared for fellowship and getting to know the young adults involved at Church of the Master and the local community! If you have any questions please reach out to Taylor Hardy, [tjhardy9807@gmail.com](mailto:tjhardy9807@gmail.com), or Bailey Ault, [baault98@gmail.com](mailto:baault98@gmail.com).



# Discipleship, Stewardship, Generosity and Gratitude By: Greg Shaw, Stewardship Taskforce

## *Consecration Sunday, November 20th*

November is upon us. As Thanksgiving quickly approaches, it is time to reflect with gratitude on our many blessings. An attitude of gratitude causes us to consider how we are being nudged to contribute our time, talents, and financial resources toward accomplishing the mission of Church of the Master.

As a lead-in to our 2023 Stewardship Campaign, our sermon series during the months of October and November have asked us to focus on our Discipleship Commitment. Each week we've been challenged to complete a commitment card in response to a call to be more active and intentional in how we pray, serve, study scripture, and finally our financial commitment in support of Church of the Master for 2023. This series is designed to heighten your awareness of discipleship and what actions you can take to be more active in your own spirituality and activities of the church. As disciples, we are called to be good stewards of our resources. As we witness the fruits of our stewardship, we are motivated to find ways to be ever more generous with our gifts.

Our 2023 Narrative Budget will be coming soon to demonstrate the impact of our ministries. The narrative budget format is used to inspire, encourage, and inform givers about why their gifts matter. It tells the story of our ministry activities and how the congregation's dollars have been spent to make those ministries a reality. The intent is to demonstrate how Church of the Master is impacting people's lives through its ministries to the congregation and the community.

With your Narrative Budget mailing, you will be receiving a 2023 financial commitment card. You will have the opportunity to either mail back your commitment card or place it in the offering plate on November 20th as we celebrate Consecration Sunday. As part of that celebration, we will again have complimentary hot drinks served by the Sunny Sips beverage trailer. As you can see by the picture, we enjoyed the hot beverages despite the cold and rainy day. As the Sunny Sips name suggests, let's plan on enjoying a bright and sunny day on the 20th, along with our beverage!



## Tai Chi Class Starting Soon!

The Tai Chi class is starting up again November 8th at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. Signing up in advance is helpful, but not required. Even if you haven't signed up, you are welcome to come. You can pay the fee by check if you want.

# TAI CHI TUESDAYS

Classes begin Tuesday, November 8th, at 9 am at Church of the Master United Methodist in Westerville. \$4/class. Beginners welcome. If you would like to know more or sign up for the class contact Janice at [jemeddey42@gmail.com](mailto:jemeddey42@gmail.com).



## Give a Bell Program

The Give A Bell Program is taking a break in November and December and will be back in January to finish our fundraising for a new set of handbells. We are doing well with our efforts. A big thank you to those who have already given! We have about 1/3 of what we need, but more work is ahead. See you January!



## United Women in Faith By: Kim Hoessly

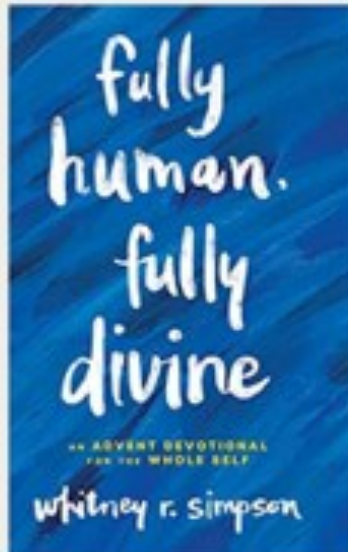
Tuesday November 8 at 1:30 there will be a Circle meeting/ World Thank Offering Service in the chapel.

Are you interested in Social Justice issues, especially those that affect women, children and youth? These are core matters for United Women in Faith. Check out <https://uwfaith.org> for information about the national organization and/ or contact Kim Hoessly, [khoessly@columbus.rr.com](mailto:khoessly@columbus.rr.com) about our local women.

YOUR SPECIAL INVITATION

# 2022 ADVENT STUDY

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## Annual Advent Study

*Advent--an opportunity to prepare for God to come into our midst as human just like us.*

We invite you to connect with God in this special season. Let's explore together what it means to experience the hope, peace, joy, and love offered to us in the coming of Christ.

**Sundays**

**November 27 thru December 18**

**4:00pm-5:15pm ET**

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*There will be a special introduction to the series on November 20; 4-4:45pm.*

Each week will focus on a theme. You will be provided with daily contemplative practices designed for individual reflection. Our weekly Zoom gathering will be a communal opportunity to go more deeply into "who we can be together" as we make our way through this sacred season.

Week 1: Slow Down and Hope (Facilitator: Roxie Hutsell)

Week 2: Simplify for Peace (Facilitator: Janice Deal)

Week 3: Sit with Joy (Facilitator: Pat ~~Gaulbourne~~)

Week 4: Savor God's Love (Facilitator: Roberta Longfellow)

[Register](#)



# Westerville Habitat Partnership: Soup for Shelter and Progressive Christmas Concert

## December 9, 2022



Soup for Shelter 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Otterbein Campus Center. Your ticket includes a hand-crafted bowl made by Columbus Academy students, a bowl of soup (served in a disposable bowl), bread, cookie, and beverage. Profits from this event are used to provide materials for the annual Walls Build in August.



Progressive Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. This walking event stops for concerts at each of the three Uptown Westerville churches-Church of the Master, Church of the Messiah, and First Presbyterian Church-all within about a block of each other. Ticket holders attend a short concert in each of the three churches and are led to the next by costumed guides with lanterns. It's a great way to get into the holiday spirit, see beautifully decorated historic churches, and hear great music provided by the choirs and musicians of our five member churches.

Those needing assistance for mobility issues will have van transport between churches provided by the Church of the Messiah. The van will be available there after the first concert (at 7:30) so participants need to start their concert tour at Messiah.

Tickets can be purchased at Church of the Master starting November 6th between services at 10:00 or 11:00 or online at <https://www.westervillehabitatpartnership.org/events>

Price for Soup for Shelter tickets is: \$15

Price for the Progressive Christmas Concert is: \$10 for those 17 or older, children free or \$12 online (processing fee included)



When a child comes out to their family, it often raises many questions for both the child and for the family. For example:

- What does it mean for the family when a child comes out to their parents?
- What does it mean for the parents' relationship to their church?
- What does it mean for the parents' own faith?
- How do parents navigate their own "coming out" after their children have come out to them?
- What is the impact on you and your family and especially your LGBTQ+ child if the congregation you attend is considering disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church or has voted to disaffiliate from the UMC?

The sessions are designed to provide a safe space where questions and concerns can be dealt with openly and honestly.

Wednesdays, Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16

*This session of the class will be held on Zoom this fall. The meetings will begin at 7:00 pm and conclude by 8:30 pm.*

If you want to participate in the class, please email Jim at [jwaugh3@mac.com](mailto:jwaugh3@mac.com). Put "Kids Class" in the Subject line. A few days prior to the class session, you will receive a Zoom invitation from Jim for the sessions.

The Rev. Jim Waugh, retired pastor in the West Ohio Conference, will lead the group. Jim and his wife, Carol, have an adult daughter, Lisa, who came out to them over twenty years ago. Jim just completed a four-year term as the chair of the Parents Reconciling Network Board (a group related to the Reconciling Ministries Network).

If you have questions or need more information, please feel free to email Jim: [jwaugh3@mac.com](mailto:jwaugh3@mac.com).



## Called to Love

Save the date for our next in-person meeting on Monday, December 12th at 7pm in the Sanctuary! If you missed our October meeting, we learned about pending state legislation that would impact the LGBTQ+ community; you are encouraged to take time in November to write/call our representatives about these issues. Please find the notes and details on our website: <https://chmaster.org/called-to-love>

# November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 10:00 am Staff Meeting	<b>2</b> 6:00 pm Exultation Ringers 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 5 pm M&Ms 5 pm Youth Handbells	<b>4</b> 11:00 am Elizabeth Garber Memorial , with Luncheon to follow in Fellowship Hall	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Seekers Sunday School 11:00 am Livestream Worship & Nursery 6:00– 8:00 pm Concert Series: Choral Evensong 7:00 pm Youth Group	<b>7</b> 8:00 am Coffee Ministry 1-3:30 pm Stephen Ministry Training 7:00-9:00 pm Leadership Council Gathering	<b>8</b> 9:00 am Tai Chi Class 10:00 am Staff Meeting 1:30– 2:30 pm United Women in Faith	<b>9</b> 6:00 pm Exultation Ringers 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b> 5 pm M&Ms 5 pm Youth Handbells	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7-9:00 pm Andy Hinton’s Birthday Open House
<b>13</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Seekers Sunday School 11:00 am Livestream Worship, Nursery, Raindrops, Dewdrops, & U2 7:00 pm Youth Group 7:00- 8:30 Charge Conference (OFF-SITE; See Save the Date on p. 2)	<b>14</b> 8:00 am Coffee Ministry 1-3:30 pm Stephen Ministry Training	<b>15</b> All Day- YWCA Cooking 9:00 am Tai Chi Class 10:00 am Staff Meeting 7:30– 9:00 pm Young Adult Ministry– Game Night	<b>16</b> 6:00 pm Exultation Ringers 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>17</b> 5 pm M&M 5 pm Youth Handbells 6 pm Stephen Ministry	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
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