

THE CHIMES

FEBRUARY 2017



CHURCH of
the SAVIOUR

United Methodist

Celebrate Black History Month

with the Heritage Chorale

Sunday, February 12, 3 p.m.

Reception following. Free-will offering to benefit the Chorale



Founded in 2002, the Heritage Chorale has followed a mission of bringing sacred music, especially the “Negro Spiritual” and Gospel music, to audiences locally and internationally. Now in its 15th season, the 40-member ensemble represents seven denominations and its members bring diverse backgrounds, professions, and experiences together as they share their passion and love of music.

Artistic Director, the Reverend William A. Brewer, brings an

Hearts for Haiti Cookie Sale

Derek Yost is continuing his “Hearts for Haiti” baking mission this year with his 7th consecutive cookie sale. As in the past, all proceeds will support the Methodist School in Dondon, Haiti. Derek and his team will take orders at church between all services on Sunday, February 5th. Cookies can be picked up at the church on Sunday, February 12. Some additional cookies will be available to purchase on that day.



New this year, cookies may be ordered online by following the “Hearts for Haiti” link on the church web page at www.chsaviour.org.

If you have any questions, you can email Derek’s mom, Tina Yost at tinadyost@gmail.com or you can call the Yost family at 216-991-0779. Please consider supporting Derek in his efforts to support the students in Dondon.



Rev. Gregory Kendrick, Jr.
to preach at Church of the Saviour
February 26

The Rev. Gregory Kendrick, Jr. will preach morning worship services at Church of the Saviour on Sunday, February 26. Rev. Kendrick serves on the pastoral team at the United Methodist Church for All People in Columbus, Ohio. He is a Chicago native who has spent the last twelve years in Ohio, including ministry appointments at Clair, New Horizons, and Broad Street UMC's and as the Executive Director of the Greater Hilltop Area Shalom Zone in Columbus. Rev. Kendrick is a visionary leader and a gifted and passionate preacher with a heart for discipleship and empowering God's people in

Theology in Film

Friday, February 3, 7-9 p.m. in the Parlor

SOMETHING THE LORD MADE is the true story of the black cardiac pioneer Vivien Thomas (Mos Def) and the white surgeon Alfred Blalock (Alan Rickman). Together they opened the door to the field of heart surgery while dealing with the prevailing racism of the time. Please join us.

Worship Schedule

FEBRUARY 5

Worship at 8:30 a.m. in Myers Chapel, 9:30 in the Great Hall and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Rev. Andy Call preaching “*Superabundant Righteousness*” (Isaiah 58:6-12; Matthew 5:13-20)

FEBRUARY 12

Worship at 8:30 a.m. in Myers Chapel, 9:30 in the Great Hall and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Rev. Judy Wismar Claycomb preaching “*Choices*” (Deuteronomy 30:15-20; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37)

FEBRUARY 19

Worship at 8:30 a.m. in Myers Chapel, 9:30 in the Great Hall and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Rev. Andy Call preaching “*That’s Impossible*” (Psalm 119:33-40; Matthew 5:38-48)

FEBRUARY 26

Worship at 8:30 a.m. in Myers Chapel, 9:30 in the Great Hall and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Rev. Gregory Kendrick preaching.



ALONG *the* WAY...

A fresh look at 1 Corinthians 13: Pauls' Love Chapter, for February, the LOVE month!

We may have Sunday services in English, Spanish and Korean,

We may have signing for the hearing impaired and large-print bulletins --
but if we have no love, nobody will be able to make out anything but gibberish in our
worship words.

We may have a preacher who cracks jokes, an organist who can play favorite hymns
with his eyes closed, acolytes that serve communion without spilling a drop
. . . . We may even have fellowship pads

But if we have no love, we are accomplishing nothing.

We might knit two dozen prayer shawls in a month,
pay all our apportionments,
re-pave a parking lot,
put in all new coffee pots
and paint the classrooms not green,
then all hop on "Gus the Bus" to tutor in East Cleveland.

But if we have no love, we're going nowhere.

Love is patient and kind;
it is not jealous or conceited or proud;
Love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable;

Love does not keep a record of wrongs.
(Let me say that again)

Love does not keep a record of wrongs.

Love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth.

Love never gives up;
and its faith, hope and patience never fail.

So-called FAITH that "puffs up" simply cannot stand up to the rigors
demanded by the love that builds up.

Sometimes we think the church problems we're called upon to solve--the church work
we're called upon to practice every day is the measure of our ministry. **But consider the
kind of day love puts in:**

Frank was doing very poorly. His wife, Mary, returned to the room and drew a chair to
his bedside.

"I'm thirsty," Frank said.

Mary lifted the straw to his lips as he pulled the oxygen mask aside. The medicine was
making him sick. She fetched the basin, wrapped firm arm around his spasm-wracked
shoulders and mopped the sweat from his forehead.

"I'm here. I'll be here no matter how long the struggle. Let me straighten your pillow..."

In the end, love comes down to this ...

the squeeze of a hand... "Water? You need water?"

"Here. Drink."*

May this Love, Christ love, be in us, Bringing new Life to Greater Heights... with you,
along the Way,

Judy

Leadership Training

The Group Life Leadership is pleased to announce the third session in our small group leader training program which will take place on February 12 at 12:30 p.m. in Calvary Hall. As we "go deeper" in our faith, we don't want relationships that stay on the surface but the pursuit of meaningful interactions often brings situations for which we do not feel equipped. This final program covers strategies to manage difficult people and relational challenges that exist or emerge in every group given enough time. This practical session will help you overcome your trepidation and manage discomfort. Attendance at prior sessions is not a requirement for the program. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Dianne Tobey Covault at Dianne.covault@gmail.com or Brian Broadbent at bbroadbent@bvuvolunteers.org to register or for more information.

Ele Richardson's Tours & Talks Continue

Ele Richardson began a series of tours and talks about the history, design and symbolism of our sanctuary and Chapel on January 15. This series will continue this month and provides an opportunity to hear all the details about the church that Ele finds fascinating, not just the ones she can cover in an hour's tour.

You can attend the entire series or just the dates you are able to or are most interested in. The eight week series will take place on Sunday afternoons from 3:30 to 5 p.m. For more information or to sign up, contact Cris Hicks in the church office.

Schedule of Tour Topics

- February 5 - Windows in the North Clerestory
- February 12 - No tour this week, enjoy the Heritage Chorale Concert
- February 19 - Windows in the South Transept
- February 26 - Lower Windows in the Sanctuary
- March 5 - Chapel History and Symbolism

God Calls Us: Purpose Practice Presence

Liz Mull

For we are the product of His hand, heaven's poetry etched on lives, created in the Anointed, Jesus, to accomplish the good works God arranged long ago. Ephesians 2:1-10



I took the StrengthFinders course a few years ago. While I was really only doing it out of curiosity, I was pretty certain I'd find affirmation of God's plan for me there. Strategic thinking and empathy topped the list. He is clear in His individual requirement of me. I am sure because of the lack of doubt or fear while immersed in the situation. It is a "have to" kind of feeling that makes me get involved.

It doesn't matter where I am, I always find people to take care of. Even when I'm on vacation or am a complete stranger, I just always seem to notice needs and be uniquely able to fill them.

Just recently in North Carolina, I noticed a woman in a group of three who was clearly unable to stand. The others with her were struggling, but unable to help. I pointed them out to Andy and a gentleman we had just met, retired Navy, (a Naval landing party!) and took them over. I was able to show the others how to position themselves and we got Laura up promptly. After she was safely seated, we had a nice visit. We helped her get her feet in the ocean briefly and saw her back to her home base, a Presbyterian Retreat Center.

To me, the certainty of my call to help was evident in the fact that only I noticed her, that I had enough experience to help her safely and gently, preserving her dignity and sense of provision. Her husband was a recent heart surgery patient, clearly going in to physical distress with his efforts to hold Laura up. He is a retired pastor, able to bless me when I left by his gracious unique thanks.

My experiences and personality have been given by God, and used by God to help accomplish good works in small and gentle ways.



Catalyst Chili Cook-off

Please join the Catalyst community on Sunday, February 5 for a chili cook-off and big game watch party at 6 p.m. in the Great Hall. Please bring a chili to compete or a side dish to share. Everyone present is invited sample the chilis and vote for their favorites. An offering will be collected to support the SouperBowl of Caring hunger ministries at Cory UMC and Heights Emergency Food Center. Help setting up and cleaning up would be welcome.

The Catalyst Community is Evolving

Beginning February 12, the Catalyst community will meet for a Bible Study each Sunday from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Howsen Room. We will be studying 1 Corinthians.

All are welcome to the study and our ongoing monthly meal service at the City Mission. Please contact Pete or Laura Evangelista with any questions.



Join the Meal Train

Do you like to cook? If so, the Meal Train ministry provides a great opportunity for you to serve our church family. We use the Meal Train website to coordinate and schedule meal deliveries to extend support to families celebrating the birth of a baby, mourning the loss of a loved one, or experiencing health challenges.

A home-cooked dinner is a wonderful way to express love to those in our church who most need it. If you would like more information, are interested in joining this ministry or getting your name back on the contact list, contact Molly Ritts at mollymritts@wowway.com or 216-378-0962.

Sign-ups are always optional and subject to your schedule so climb on board!

Small Group Opportunities During Lent

While many of us have been in the habit of giving something up for Lent, how about adding something to give your Lent a boost? We want to invite you to experience a small group. This year the Group Life Committee reviewed a number of possible focus options for Lent and have chosen some great books. Now we need leaders. Please consider leading one of the groups listed below. Group Life can help you find a co-leader and a host location. If you do not feel called to lead, please let us know if you would like to participate. We will be announcing the times and locations of each group once leaders are identified. Contact Brian Broadbent, Jennifer Whatley Williams or Dianne Tobey Covault if you are interested in leading, participating and or hosting. We will have sign ups on our web page and at each of the services leading up to Lent once we know times and locations.

Here are this year's group offerings covering a wide array of exciting topics:

1. **The Way** by Adam Hamilton – following the footsteps of Jesus and his teachings
2. **Radical: Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream** by Richard Platt - a look at our discipleship walk contrasted with American culture
3. **Listen: Praying in a Noisy World** Reuben Job – We hear sounds that compete for our minds and hearts. Listening to God requires a deliberate choice to focus.
4. **How to Walk into Church** by Tony Payne – It's not as simple as it sounds. Our hearts and our self-awareness can be tuned to God's presence.
5. **Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It** by Adam Hamilton - exploring his defining characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian

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**OUR CHURCH FAMILY'S
BULLETIN BOARD**

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to **Debbie White** on the recent death of her mother.

Heartfelt sympathy is also extended to the family of **Virginia Packer** who passed away on January 11 and **Lynne Seese** who passed away on January 11.

Congratulations!**Emily and Navid Sadri** had a baby boy, **Rami Jasper Sadri**, who arrived on New Year's Day and weighed 8 lb 10 oz.

UPCOMING DEADLINES

Monday, March 13
Mid-Month digital reminder page

Monday, March 20
March Chimes newsletter

Send all information to chimes@chsaviour.org

Notes of Appreciation



Thank you to everyone who donated one of the 180 hats, mittens, scarves, gloves, and earmuffs on the Hat & Mitten Tree! Everything will be donated to OhioGuidestone. Loving God by loving others!

Mary Ellen and Alan Spencer wish to thank the staff and congregation of Church of the Saviour for the many gifts of flowers, phone calls and especially the beautiful cards and comforting thoughts of support and prayers of healing. Mary Ellen and Alan write that "God answered those prayers and the healing continues. God is indeed a wonderful Saviour."

Dawn Kolograf, Executive Director of West Side Community House wrote to thank Church of the Saviour for its continued support and specifically for the \$3,816.54 donation that was given with proceeds from the Advent Festival in December. Ms. Kolograf noted that this donation makes possible warm meals for homebound seniors, support for families in need as well as opportunities for both seniors and children to participate in stimulating and enriching activities.

Jennifer Scofield, Executive Director of Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland expressed her deep appreciation to Church of the Saviour for its ongoing contributions totaling \$8,360.03 in 2016. Ms. Scofield notes that this gift has an immediate impact on the health and nutrition of our area's most vulnerable low-income children, adults and the elderly. Hunger Network leverages each \$1 donation to provide four meals in a hunger center serving our community. Each month Hunger Network serves 60,000 clients nearly half of whom are children.