

# THE CHIMES

March 2018



CHURCH of  
the SAVIOUR  
United Methodist



## EASTER SCAVENGER HUNT

Easter is one of the major family holidays of the year. It is also a time to reflect on the incredible sacrifice that has allowed each of us to bask in grace. We invite you and your family to scavenge the church for 12 clues of the Easter story! Once you've collected all the clues, each child will receive a bag of Easter eggs and goodies. Families are invited to mingle and share their impressions of the Easter scavenger hunt over light appetizers and coffee in the parlor. We hope you'll come and bring your friends! The scavenger hunt participants will begin in the Great Hall.

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

### **Palm Sunday – March 25**

8:30 a.m., Myers Chapel

9:30 a.m., Great Hall

11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Rev. Gregory Kendrick, Jr.

### **Maundy Thursday – March 29**

At the Table with Christ

Noon, Parlor

Dramatic Presentation:

“Two Faces in the Shadows”

7:00 p.m., Great Hall

### **Good Friday – March 30**

Tenebrae Worship Service

7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Rev. Andy Call

### **Easter Vigil – March 31**

7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Rev. Gregory Kendrick, Jr.

### **Easter – April 1**

Sunrise Worship Service

6:30 a.m., Church Front Lawn

Rev. Gregory Kendrick, Jr.

8:30 a.m., Sanctuary

9:30 a.m., Great Hall

11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Rev. Andy Call



## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### **March 4: Youth Sunday**

Worship at 8:30 a.m. in Myers Chapel, 9:30 a.m. in the Great Hall, and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Holy Communion will be celebrated at all three services.

### **March 11, Sermon Series: Renegade Gospel**

Worship at 8:30 a.m. in Myers Chapel, 9:30 a.m. in the Great Hall, and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Rev. Andy Call preaching "Who Do You Say I Am?". (Matthew 16:13-26)

### **March 18, Sermon Series: Renegade Gospel**

Worship at 8:30 a.m. in Myers Chapel, 9:30 a.m. in the Great Hall, and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Rev. Andy Call preaching "Seeing Jesus Today". (John 14:15-21)

### **March 25: Palm Sunday**

Worship at 8:30 a.m. in Myers Chapel, 9:30 a.m. in the Great Hall, and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Rev. Gregory Kendrick, Jr. preaching "It Begins with Hosannas..." (Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 11:1-11)

## FROM THE LEAD PASTOR

### “What did you give up for Lent?”



That's a fairly common question this time of year, among church folks and cultural Christians. Lent is a time of penitence and self-denial. The practice of fasting during Lent dates back to the fourth century, likely as an intense time of preparation for catechumens leading up to their baptism at Easter.

Stephen Smith from OpenBible.info created a “Twitter Lent Tracker” that combs the social media app for postings that mention giving something up for Lent. During the week of February 11, there were 27,996 tweets that qualified. Some of the usual suspects appear, like alcohol, chocolate, or swearing. There are some obviously sarcastic responses, too, like work, sleep, and, my personal favorite, giving up things. There are some thought-provoking ones, too: negativity, complaining, and procrastination. This year, for the first time in the ten years since the tracker's inception, social media tops the list.

Maybe giving up something for Lent is part of your spiritual practice, and maybe it is not. Either way, I want to encourage you this Lent to adopt another spiritual discipline. Take on something that helps you become closer to Christ. Join a Lenten study group. Set aside intentional time every day to pray. Covenant with trusted partners to help each other grow in your faith. (You may have to give something up to make space to take on something new.) I recently began, with support from Tom Sperl, a program to read the entire Bible by the end of 2018, something I've never systematically done. Ask me how it's going, and I'll let you know. That way, you can help hold me accountable, too.

My prayer for each of us this season is that we become closer to God and to one another. Whether we give something up or take something on, may we grow in Christ's likeness and arrive at Easter as renewed people.

- Rev. Andy Call

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## HAITI TRIP

In February, a team of five from Church of the Saviour traveled to Haiti to work with our mission connections there. Drs. Bill and Janet Benish, Tim Persons, Tom Sperl, and Rev. Andy Call were joined by Walt Merrill from the North Coast Haiti Mission and Mark Bender from the foundation WATERisLIFE. The team worked on an existing well to provide a water source for the school at Dondon while Tom Sperl used cleverly homemade instruments to teach lessons on sound to the children of the school. Some of the team later worked on improvements to the Hôpital Bon Samaritain in Limbe where the Benishes have served for 30 years. In addition to the work, valuable relationships were renewed and strengthened with the Methodist Church in Haiti as we continue to shape our strategy and priorities there. Thanks to all who supported the trip through your prayers and encouragement.

"How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1)



# MISSIONS



## EAST CLEVELAND HOSPITALITY OUTREACH

Church of the Savior's ECHO group helps the center at Saint Philomena provide food and clothing for clients in East Cleveland and the surrounding areas. Working at the food pantry is a rewarding way to help fulfill God's mission.

Work assignments include sorting, packing, distribution, and hospitality. They are based on your abilities, preference, and the needs on any given day.

Our next volunteer date is Saturday, March 24.

The facility is located at 13824 Euclid Ave. in East Cleveland.

Volunteers arrive at 9:30 a.m. and finish no later than 1:00 p.m.

(It is not necessary to remain the entire time.)

If you would like to be part of this ministry for our next work date or in the future, email Mark Moore at [markwmoore32@yahoo.com](mailto:markwmoore32@yahoo.com) and we will add you to the ECHO mailing list.

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## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Continuing with one of the goals of United Methodist Women to advocate for children, the UMW program on March 13 is Fostering Hope. This program complements the February program that told about a group that works with children who come from dysfunctional families and/or who are in foster care. The Fostering Hope organization was started locally in 2013 to raise awareness of the challenges faced by children within the foster care system and to provide opportunities for them. The speaker will be Nicole Shefrin, Executive Director and one of the founders of the Cleveland group.

The program starts at 10 a.m. in the church parlor followed by devotions. A light luncheon (\$5 at the door) will be served in Calvary Hall about 11:30 a.m. Please call the church office (216-321-8880) by Sunday, March 11 to reserve your place for lunch. Reserve child care by calling Debbie Jones: 216-382-5929.

## GLOBAL MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

*Jane & Larry Kies, our missionaries in Zimbabwe, shared this story.*



Takunda Mateko is a good example of how the Africa University scholarship fund helps the disadvantaged. Takunda's brother works for AU as a groundsman, and has his own family responsibilities so cannot afford to help him. Takunda's grandmother, who he stays with, has a very meager, irregular income so she also could not help him.

Takunda was selected to receive a scholarship for tuition, and is now one of the top students in the second-year class. He is a leader, and will go far when he finishes his degree. He is always full of energy, and likes to 'think outside the box'- the type of person who is sure to come up with ideas later in life.

Growing up helping care for his grandmother's small field, he is not afraid to get his hands dirty. This semester in his Crop Production class he has a plot of potatoes, and is in earnest (but friendly) competition with the student who has a plot of sweet potatoes next to him to see who can reap the largest crop.

When he graduates in 2019, he will have the combination of technical knowledge plus experience in, and passion for, agriculture that can help produce more food for a hungry continent.

Takunda Mateko- an Investment in Africa's Future.

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## EASTER OFFERING FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS

In Matthew 5:16, Jesus says, "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." During the last year, Church of the Saviour has funded missionaries in Asia and Africa; provided school supplies for children in Dondon, Haiti; sent disaster relief to hurricane victims in Texas and Puerto Rico; contributed funds to support UMCOR's work with refugees; and assembled flood buckets and sanitation kits for people in need throughout the world. The funding that enables us to do this work comes from the annual Easter Offering. As we enter into the season of Lent, please prayerfully consider your contribution to this year's Easter Offering and help Church of the Saviour continue to share God's light throughout the world.

## WEBSITE AND PODCASTING

chsaviour.org

## MINISTRY TEAM

Andy Call, Lead Pastor

Gregory Kendrick, Jr., Pastor of Connections

Lois Annich, Pastoral Counselor

David Gilson, Director of Music

Brian Smart, 9:30 Worship Leader

Robert Day, Organist

Curt Campbell, Director of Youth Ministries

Lydia Stephens, Director of Children's Ministries

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## YOUTH SUNDAY

The youth will be leading worship at all three worship services on Sunday, March 4. "Who does God say we are?" It's the question that's second in importance only to "Who do you say Jesus is?", which is at the heart of the Renegade Gospel sermon series and church-wide book study. The sermon message will be in three parts, offered by three youth, based on several scriptures: 2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 6:6, Ephesians 5:8, Psalm 139:13-14, and Philippians 4:7. Please join us in worshipping God on this special Sunday.

## NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Dear Friends,

You guys are AMAZING! Thank you so much for your generous gift towards helping us show the love of Jesus in Liberia. We are excited about the ways we see God moving to bring hope and restoration to families and young adults in our community. But we are SUPER excited that you are all partnering with us in this ministry of restoration. God's work always is better when we do it as a team. We would love to have you visit us one day so that you can see the impact you have had on lives across the globe.

Again, we are grateful for each of you. Your support encourages and strengthens us. May God bless you out of his abundant riches!

Much love,

Kerry and Joey Davidson

*Missionaries in Liberia*

## EAST OHIO SUMMER CAMPS

Camp by the Numbers

The average American youth spends:

- 270 minutes watching TV a day
- 4 minutes playing outside a day
- 7.5 hours a day on electronics
- A week at camp provides 10,080 minutes away to consider, to dream, to believe that they are loved and created for a purpose.

Call the East Ohio Conference Camping Office at 1-330-499-3972 extension 108, or visit us on the web at [www.EOCSummercamps.org](http://www.EOCSummercamps.org) to learn more.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



June 26 - 28

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Pre-k through 5th grade

## SAVE THE DATES

March 4 – Youth Sunday

March 7 – Taizé Worship Service

March 18 – Upward Celebration

March 24 – Easter Scavenger Hunt