

THE CHIMES

MARCH 2019



CHURCH of
the SAVIOUR

FROM THE PASTOR OF CONNECTIONS

"Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord!"

- Romans 12:11 CEB



I am excited about what God is doing in the life of Church of the Saviour. Even the frigid and overcast gloom of a Cleveland winter cannot dampen my enthusiasm for what God is doing in the lives of all who call this place their spiritual home. What am I so excited about?

- Church of the Saviour continues to be committed to the mission of "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."
- We are leaning into our vision to "see the world as God sees it."
- Everyday, we are "bringing new life to the greater Heights."

We know this is not a work of our own doing but is empowered by the Holy Spirit. We are committed to partnering with people around Cleveland and the world in living out our call. We are well on our way to reaching our financial goal with Habitat for Humanity in building the Rich Hiles Memorial Habitat House. We are continuing to strengthen our relationship in the North Coast of Haiti. I also am excited for how we plan to reach out to our neighbors throughout Lent with our "Love Your Neighbor" campaign and our study of the book *The Art of Neighboring*.

As we are reaching out, it is just as important to develop our interior lives. This Lent, we have the opportunity for weekly centering with Midday Prayer and Eucharist on Wednesdays beginning March 13. Gather, the ministry for adults in their 20s and 30s, will launch a new small group opportunity. Our Youth and Children's ministries continue to nurture a love for Jesus among our youngest and cultivate a passion for ministry to parents and caregivers. Our Group Life team also will be developing new opportunities for all people to deepen their faith. There is much to anticipate and I am glad to be on the journey with you!

Faithfully Yours,
Rev. Gregory Kendrick, Jr.



LENTEN SERMON SERIES: NEIGHBORING

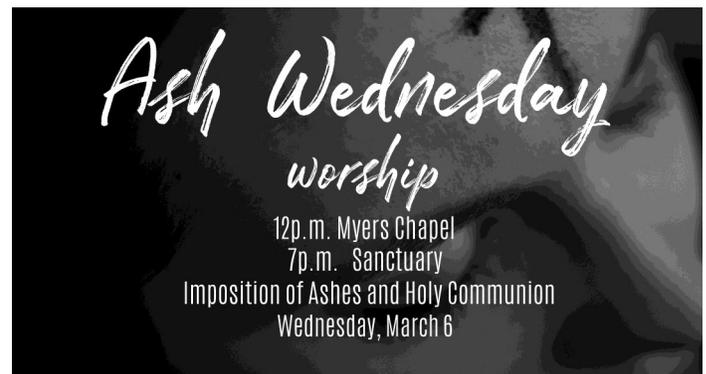
March 10 - "Won't You Be My Neighbor?"
Luke 10:25-37

March 17 - "What if Jesus Meant What He Said?"
Matthew 25:31-46

March 24 - United Methodist Women Sunday
Bishop Sally Dyck preaching

March 31 - "Words Matter"
Genesis 1; John 6:67-69

Worship at 8:30 a.m. in Myers Chapel, 9:30 a.m. in the Great Hall, 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary



UMC SPECIAL SESSION

Editor's Note: The Rev. Andy Call attended the Special Session of the General Conference for The United Methodist Church from February 23 to 26 in St. Louis and shares his thoughts on the results. More information about this session is available at umc.org.

We prayed and hoped for a way forward. This isn't it.

As predicted, not much was passed in St. Louis. Most of what was passed was not amended to make it constitutional. We'll await a full review by the Judicial Council in a couple weeks. For now, not much has changed. That is a disappointment.

So what do we do now? Reflect, lament, pray, and then get back to the work of the church. Ministry happens here, anyway, not on the floor of General Conference. Whatever happens, we continue to be a church for all people, where we come together with all our differences and all our flaws, and humbly seek to live the way of Christ.

The world needs our witness. Now more than ever.

Peace and blessings,

Rev. Andy Call

Congregational Care Training Saturday, March 23

Congregational Care Ministers are lay people who've been trained and commissioned to visit with people in hospitals, rehab facilities and nursing homes after the pastors make an initial connection. This is not meant to replace the work of the pastors, but to augment the amount of care congregants receive. The Rev. Lois Annich, COTS Pastor of Care Ministries, will provide the training. If you're interested in learning more about this ministry and the training, contact Rev. Annich at 216-373-2660 or revlois@yahoo.com.

UMW Sunday

On March 24, we will celebrate United Methodist Women (UMW) Sunday. I am pleased to share with you that our guest preacher will be Bishop Sally Dyck (pictured), who is currently serving the Northern Illinois Conference. Many of you may remember that Rev. Dyck was the pastor at Church of the Redeemer, just up the street from Church of the Saviour. My first encounter with Bishop Dyck was when she helped organize Easter Sunrise services at Lake View Cemetery with South Euclid, Church of the Redeemer and Church of the Saviour. Those services made Easter morning real as we watched the sun rise over the Severance Cross.

We invited members of Church of the Redeemer to join us in worship for this special Sunday. Please help me welcome them on March 24. - Connie Crihfield, UMW President



FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Thanks to strong giving in December, we ended 2018 with a surplus of \$24,206. In response to this blessing, the Finance Committee unanimously voted to tithe 10 percent of this surplus. Half of the tithe will go to the North Coast Haiti Mission for scholarships in DonDon, and the other half to the Rich Hiles Memorial Habitat for Humanity House.

	2018 Actual	2019 Budget	Variance
Receipts	\$1,349,443	\$1,367,094	\$17,651
Expenses	\$1,325,237	\$1,359,777	\$34,540
Surplus	\$24,206	\$7,317	-\$16,889

On January 29, the Administrative Board approved the 2019 Budget that calls for total income to grow by 1.3 percent over prior year. This modest increase will cover the increased costs for an enhanced worship experience and staff compensation and benefits. Total expenses would have been higher had it not been possible to satisfy a few 2019 obligations from the 2018 year-end surplus and an untapped reserve fund.

After a strong December and some extremely cold Sundays, it is not surprising January's giving came in lower than budget and lower than prior year. This soft income month had similarly lower expenses, which kept Net Income close to budget.

January 2019	2019 Actual	Budget	Vs. Budget
Income	\$83,342	\$112,748	-\$29,406
Expenses	\$111,879	\$138,247	-\$26,368
Net Income	-\$28,537	-\$25,499	-\$3,038

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Metro Ministries Lenten Campaign

“Love your neighbor as
Yourself” - Matthew 22:39

Love
your neighbor

Do you know the names of all the neighbors that surround your home? Is there one neighbor that you've wanted to get to know, but just haven't made the effort? Do you have a neighbor that's been a little more difficult to get to know, so you decided not to start a relationship? These questions make us all stop and think if we truly have been following the Lord's command to love our neighbor.

This commandment is the basis of **Metro Ministries' Lenten campaign: “Love Your Neighbor.”** Mission work is something we're all called to do, and there's much to do in the city of Cleveland. But we can start by simply obeying Christ's command to love your neighbor. Metro Ministries challenges you during Lent to **choose one of your neighbors and begin to establish a relationship.**

But how do we start? Sign a pledge sheet online at cotsumc.church/love-your-neighbor-sign-up to begin a relationship with one of your neighbors. You also may sign the pledge in the church office for most of the Lenten season.

This Lenten opportunity is for all of us, old and young. We can all spread Christ's love by establishing a relationship with a neighbor. Join in and take the challenge to love your neighbor.

For more information, contact me at 330-659-2009 or jajuarez1@yahoo.com.

Juanita Taylor
Metro Ministries

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Thank you Upward families and Church of the Saviour. You helped our youth and softball teams collect **314 pounds of food and \$1,541** to help fight local hunger.

Through the Souper Bowl of Caring, 100 percent of what was collected will go to the Heights Emergency Food Center and the Cory Hunger Center. You are reflecting the light of Christ in our community. The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national, youth-led effort surrounding Super Bowl weekend each year to collect food for those in need. - Curt Campbell, Youth Director

SAVE THE DATE Sunday, May 5, Benefit Lunch for
Rich Hiles Memorial Habitat House

WELCOME LAURA MOSELEY

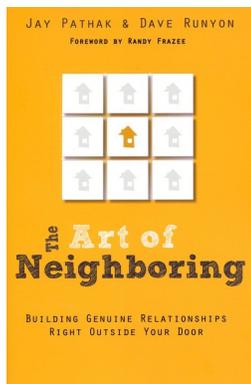
We would like to introduce Laura Moseley, who will join the COTS Staff Team as the Interim Program Coordinator for Children's Ministry. Laura comes to us from Columbus, where she worked in education, as well as nonprofit communication and development. She holds degrees from The Ohio State University in English and History of Art.



"Church of the Saviour already very much feels like home to me," Laura shares. "I am looking forward to serving the community in Cleveland Heights and the surrounding area. I'll be joined by my husband John, and our two fuzzy children, Albert the Westie and Holly the Cat."

Please join us in offering a warm welcome to her!

LENTEN BOOK STUDY



This Lenten season, our emphasis is on loving our neighbor. Pastor Gregory Kendrick, Jr. recommended an excellent book for a six-week study: ***The Art of Neighboring*** by Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon.

This book is an easy-to-read guide for “building genuine relationships right outside your door.” Divided into six parts, *The Art of Neighboring* is perfect for an individual or group study for Lent, with study questions included for each week.

Authors Pathak and Runyon write, “When Jesus was asked to reduce everything in the Bible into one command, he said, ‘Love God with everything you have and love your neighbor as yourself’ ... The reality is, though, that the majority of Christians don't even know the names of most of their neighbors.” Our challenge this Lenten season is to start a relationship with a neighbor, and this book can be an invaluable tool in this journey.

***The Art of Neighboring* will be available in the church office during the Lenten season at a reduced price of \$5**, thanks to Group Life Ministry. You also can sign-up for a six-week Lenten group study in the office.

If you have any questions, contact me at 330-659-2009 or jajuarez1@yahoo.com. - Juanita Taylor, Metro Ministries

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As of March 1, Alexis Beggs Olsen is the Director of Faith and Development for Vision Fund International, the micro finance arm of World Vision.

Our CHURCH
family

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Tony and Cristy Evangelista on the birth of their daughter, Luciana Jean, born on February 7, weighing 7 lb. 4 oz. Congratulations also to grandparents Pete and Laura Evangelista.

Clark & Geri Williams welcomed the birth of their new granddaughter, Tahtyanna Grace Williams-Reza, born on January 16 in New Mexico. She weighed 7 lbs 13 oz.

CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to family and friends of church members Rosemary Bakasa, who died February 2; and Stanley Nahigian, who died February 9. Our sympathy is also extended to Geffen Okin and Dean Dabson on the recent deaths of their mothers, and to Cheryl Drake on the death of her father.

BAPTISMS

On Sunday, January 27, we celebrated the baptisms of the following people:

Anna Kate Graban, Madeline Ray Graban, Sarah Ann Billington, Kerrilee Delores Anderson, Gerald Raymond Anderson, Grayson Albert Willa, Cyrus William Webster, Raleigh Terry Guice III (Trey), Samantha Grace Guice, Kay Ellen Benjamin

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Joanna Garcia is a professor at John Carroll University and has a son named Ben.

Skylar McClain was baptized at Church of the Saviour in 2000 and has decided to become a member by confession of faith.

Kyle & Sarah Merrill - Kyle works as a construction manager at Gilbane Building Company and Sarah is a stay-at-home mother to three children: Tessa, Eli, and Avery.

Brian & Lisa Murphy - Brian works as an engineer and Lisa in customer service at Rockwell Automation. They have three children: Lydia, Abby, and Caroline.

Elizabeth Okwudi is an academic advisor at Cleveland State University and transfers from University Circle UMC.

Betty Pollock is retired and transfers from Mt. Pleasant UMC.

Feliesha Shelton-Wheeler works as a school counselor at Walsh Jesuit High School and transfers from Asbury UMC in Erie, PA.

Sid & Linda Spencer - Sid is an adjunct professor at JCU/Ashland and Linda is semi-retired from Ashland University.

Richard Vethamani - Richard is becoming an affiliate member and will retain his membership at a church in California. He works as a finance manager at Nestlé.

Tom & Joanie Voorhees - Tom works as an estimator for Consolidated Graphics and Joanie is retired.