

# THE CHIMES

JANUARY 2020



CHURCH of  
the SAVIOUR

## FROM THE LEAD PASTOR

*For Auld Lang Syne*

The turn of the year is a time of farewells and of new beginnings. Many of us on New Year's Eve each year watch the clock turn or the ball drop, marking the end of one year and the beginning of a new. We often pair that observance with the making of resolutions, a time of new beginnings.



I've been reflecting on endings and new beginnings in light of what's happening this month at Church of the Saviour. On the last day of the month, Yee Chy will retire from Church of the Saviour, his place of employment since 1982! In tandem with his retirement will be the conclusion of service for Penny Neisen, our diligent and faithful Properties Manager since 2016, as we merge their roles to form a new position of Director of Operations. We also honor Jon Cermak, who concludes employment as a custodian but remains part of our extended family.

Clergy staff will have a shift in 2020, too, as Rev. Annich resumes her role as Pastor of Care Ministries, focusing this year on Seniors and Women's ministry. Rev. Kendrick's continued ½ time appointment to Cory UMC for the first half of the year creates both a need and an opportunity for us, one we are blessed to fill with Rev. Amanda Moseng who will serve as Pastor of Discipleship. (You can read more about Rev. Moseng on page 2).

"Should old acquaintance be forgot?" Thanks be to God, it doesn't have to. I think of the song I learned as a kid at camp. Perhaps you know it, too: *Make new friends but keep the old/One is silver and the other gold.* God has richly blessed us with a priceless treasure: wonderful and dedicated people who share their gifts and passion as we serve God together, in days past and in the years to come.

-Rev. Andy Call



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**January 5: Epiphany Sunday**  
Light of the World  
Ephesians 3:1-12

## SERMON SERIES

**HUMANS BEING: LIVING INTO FULLNESS**  
January 12 – February 23

**January 12: Anger**  
Matthew 5:21-26

**January 19: Lust and Loving Relationships**  
Matthew 5:27-32

**January 26: Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Jr. at the 11 a.m. sanctuary service**

Worship at 8:30 am in Myers Chapel, 9:30 am in the Great Hall, and 11:00 am in the Sanctuary.

Taizé Worship on Wednesday, January 1 is cancelled.  
The church office is closed for New Year's Day.



## WELCOME, REV. AMANDA MOSENG!

Rev. Amanda Moseng will serve as Pastor of Discipleship at Church of the Saviour through June 30 while Rev. Kendrick is finishing his short-term appointment at Cory UMC. Rev. Moseng is a United Methodist pastor from the West Ohio Annual Conference presently living in Cleveland while her spouse is doing post-doctoral work in pharmacy at CWRU-UH. A native of Mishawaka, Indiana, Rev. Moseng earned a bachelor's degree in biochemistry at IU-South Bend and an MDiv from United Theological Seminary. She and her husband Mitchell are proud parents of a soon-to-be one-year-old daughter Mina. In her role at COTS, Rev. Moseng will work with Group Life to coordinate and manage small groups, offer Bible Study, work with Rev. Annich on women's ministry, and assist in leading worship. We are excited that God brought her into our lives at just the right time and look forward to being in ministry with her.



## FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Our church is overflowing with faithful children of God who love and support the many ministries of COTS. We want to thank everyone for sharing their blessings to further the kingdom.

	Year-to-date November 2019		
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Giving	\$1,099,992	\$1,254,344	-\$154,352
Expenses	\$1,140,876	\$1,248,567	\$107,691
Net	-\$40,884	\$5,777	-\$46,661

During the month of November, total income was \$91,496 versus a budget of \$112,749, which put us further behind our goal. However, this shortfall has not diminished our commitment to bring new life to the Greater Heights and beyond. On Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> we approved our 2020 budget totaling \$1,278,278 to support our local work and ministries around the world. On Saturday, December 7, we raised money to support the Fairfield Children's Home in Zimbabwe. And keeping with tradition, the Christmas offering will go to our very own Metro Missions.

Most of time stepping out in faith does not appear rational until it is put in the context of what a great God we have.

Joe Hicks  
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## CHRISTMAS OFFERING UPDATE

Church Family: Please accept thanks and deep appreciation from the Metropolitan Ministries Team for your generous giving in the Christmas Offering. As of this writing, we collected \$22,369, which will support several different missions in 2020. Your giving, out of your love for God, is making this happen. Thank you.



On January 26, 2020, The Reverend Dr. Otis Moss Jr. will join us at the 11 am worship experience. Dr. Moss is a theologian, pastor, and civic leader. He is one of America's most influential religious leaders and highly sought-after public speakers. Dr. Moss was active in the Civil Rights movement, leading sit-ins while at Morehouse College, serving as regional director of the Southern Christian Leadership Council while serving at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Lockland, Ohio, and participating in the civil rights march in Selma, AL alongside Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Moss' long pastoral career has included several churches including Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA, where he served alongside Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr. Most notably, he served the historic Olivet Institutional Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio for 33 years. During his time at the church, besides continuing to be a sought-after speaker and influential figure in social justice movements, he was an advisor to President Jimmy Carter and befriended such figures as President Bill Clinton, President Barack Obama, Oprah Winfrey, and Jesse Jackson who credits Dr. Moss with encouraging him to run for President.

Dr. Moss has received dozens of honors and awards, delivered lectures at hundreds of colleges and churches, and has done humanitarian work internationally. In 1997, Cleveland's University Hospital, in partnership with the Olivet Institutional Baptist Church created the Otis Moss Jr. Medical Center. For over 20 years, University Hospitals Otis Moss, Jr. Health Center has been serving the Greater Cleveland area and especially our neighbors in the Fairfax community.

He earned his B.A. degree from Morehouse College in 1956, his Masters of Divinity degree from the Morehouse School of Religion/ Interdenominational Theological Center in 1959, and his Doctorate of Ministry degree from the United Theological Seminary in 1990. Dr. Moss has been married to his wife, Edwina, for over fifty years and has three children, Kevin, Daphne (deceased), and Reverend Otis III. who has followed in his father's chosen vocation, leading Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago.

We are privileged to welcome Dr. Moss in worship and we hope you join us in honoring the work of God through the life of Dr. Moss.



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SPIRITUAL GROWTH STUDY TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

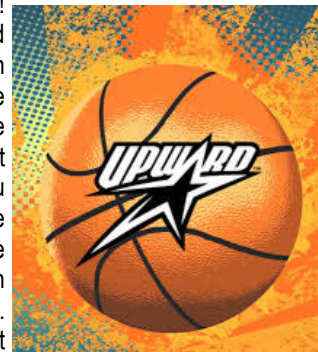
We invite all women to join us for UMW's annual Spiritual Growth Study in Calvary Hall from 10 am-12 noon on Tuesday, January 14. The Rev. Paul White will present and lead our group discussions using the book *Practicing Resurrection - The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship*. You do not need to read the book to participate. The book is available at the estore by [clicking this link](#) or by calling 1-800-305-9857. Please contact the church office to make a reservation to attend the luncheon at noon and continue fellowship.

## WOMEN'S RETREAT

All women of Church of the Saviour and the community are invited to a Retreat on "What's Your Story? Seeing Your Life through God's Eyes" by Sara Heath on Saturday, February 8, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, church Parlor. The Retreat is a day apart with other women to explore your life journey and how you can seek God's active presence through it. As we explore the fascinating life of Joseph from the book of Genesis, we'll learn how we can each co-create a real page-turning story of our own. Christine Elliott will lead, with participation by Rev. Lois Annich, Pastoral Ministries, as well. Cost of the Retreat is \$15 per person, which includes the book, morning coffee, and lunch. Child care will be provided. Register in the church office by February 5. For more information, please contact Christine Elliott, [csle3333@aol.com](mailto:csle3333@aol.com) or Karen Murgiano, [kmurgiano@ameritech.net](mailto:kmurgiano@ameritech.net).

## UPWARD BASKETBALL

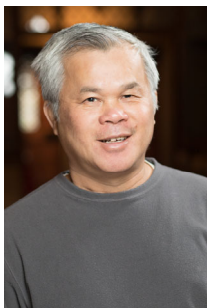
Upward Basketball begins January 6! Each week several hundred kids and parents - many without a church home - will be at COTS. We have tremendous opportunity to engage with them - to build relationships that can lead to spiritual growth. Can you help in this ministry? We have opportunities to serve as a practice night host, with concessions, and with the game day experience team. Please consider how you might contribute and contact Upward Administrator, Gina Ehlers, at [upward-admin@cotsumc.org](mailto:upward-admin@cotsumc.org).



## JOIN THE BIBLE BOOKWORM CLUB

Bible Bookworm is returning to the Genevieve Seese Library on Sunday, January 12. The reading program for children in grades Pre-K to 5 will last six weeks and end with a celebration party. Register in the church library.

## YEE CHY RETIRES



"The best part of my work at Church of the Saviour is **the people**," said Yee Chy as, after 38 years on the job, he prepares to retire from his position as head custodian. While he has enjoyed greeting and helping members and visitors, he has worked behind the scenes setting up rooms for meetings, keeping the heating, cooling and plumbing operating, plowing snow, repairing innumerable things about the church, and being on call in emergencies.

Yee arrived in Cleveland in 1981 with his wife, Kim, her mother and two very young children, Larry and Vanny. (A daughter, Terry, was born in 1990). As refugees from Cambodia (via Thailand), the family was sponsored by what is now Disciples Christian Church in Cleveland Heights. Soon after arriving in Cleveland Yee was hired for a custodial position at COTS. He fit in well, because he had studied English in the refugee camp (and has continued to study English via the internet)

.Over the years, Yee has done some amazing work at the church. To repair electrical connections for the stage, he has crawled from the boiler room through a long, narrow tunnel underneath Calvary Hall. Before new lighting was installed in the Sanctuary's chancel area, Yee, being brave and agile, changed light bulbs over the baptismal font using an access through the floor of the clavier room above. After a truck had damaged the old overhang at what eventually became the Reinberger Entrance, Yee fell from a ladder as he was making repairs. Unfortunately, he was laid up for several months with a broken leg.

Always interested in improving his skills, Yee took evening classes at Max Hayes Vocational School and Tri-C (Western Campus) and received certificates of completion in auto mechanics, welding and plumbing. When he became a U.S. citizen in 1987, Yee purchased a home in Cleveland Heights. His three children are Heights High alums and college graduates. Yee's wife, a seamstress, worked for years at Peter's Tailor Shop, but now cares for their two grandchildren several days a week. One sure thing that Yee will do in retirement is to visit relatives in Cambodia for longer periods of time than he has been able to do in the past.

**Please stop in the Parlor on Sunday, February 2 from 10:30 – 11:00 am for Yee's farewell reception.**

if you have any news you'd like us to consider for publication, please send a note to [chimes@cotsumc.org](mailto:chimes@cotsumc.org)





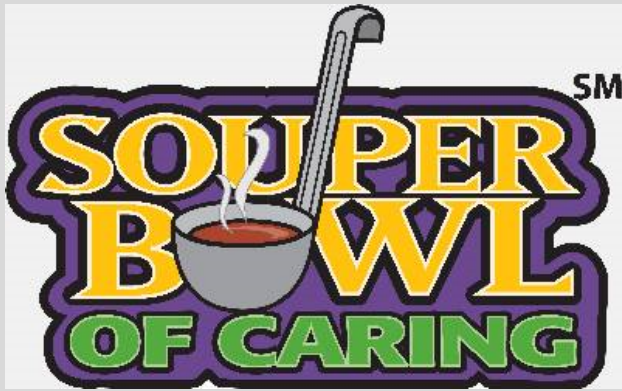
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- Andy Call, Lead Pastor
- Gregory Kendrick, Jr., Pastor of Connections
- Lois Annich, Pastor of Care Ministries
- Amanda Moseng, Pastor of Discipleship
- David Gilson, Director of Music
- Robert Day, Organist
- Charles Cotton, Creative Director, 9:30 Worship Experience
- Jill Phillips, Worship Leader, 9:30 Worship Experience
- Graham Rosen, Production Team Leader
- Brian Smart, Associate Modern Worship Leader
- Curt Campbell, Director of Youth Ministries
- Laura Moseley, Director of Children's Ministry
- Penny Neisen, Properties Manager
- Loretta Dahlstrom, Business Administrator
- Cris Hicks, Administrative Assistant
- Debbie Johnson, Administrative Assistant
- Pamela Turos, Newsletter Editor
- Leslie Myers, Wedding Coordinator
- Dr. Charles D. Yoost, Pastor Emeritus



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2  
SOUPER BOWL OF CARING &  
BIG GAME WATCH PARTY**

**CONDOLENCES**

Our sympathy is extended to **Pam Zulovich**, whose father died recently following a lengthy illness.

**Leo Skidmore** died on November 4, 2019. She worked in the church office until about 1980 when she and her husband retired to North Carolina.

**THANK YOU**

We want to thank you for your prayers and get well wishes. We are so grateful and appreciate the thoughtfulness of our church family. Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Mimi Knooihuizen**

*Our* **CHURCH**  
*family*

The 19th Annual Cookie Walk raised \$1,407.25 for Fairfield Children's Home in Old Mutare, Zimbabwe, next to Africa University. Thank you bakers for top quality cookies and for all of those who bought cookies to support this UMC international mission. We are grateful, **Gwen and Kevin**