

# THE CHIMES

October 2017



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## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: LUKE 3:11 MINISTRY

A new ministry group at Church of the Saviour was launched in March of this year. The Luke 3:11 Ministry was formed with the goal of serving the men and women who shun shelters, but who still desire and appreciate the resources offered to them. This ministry is the result of a call from the Nehemiah Mission's Pastor Jim Szakacs. Pastor Szakacs was looking to grow his homeless outreach program beyond the walls of the Nehemiah Mission, by reaching out directly to homeless campsites and other places where "the least of these" may be. They work with the North East Ohio Coalition for the Homeless and Care Source to meet the needs found in the remote tree covered temporary shelters they visit.

The Luke 3:11 group is comprised of six United Methodist churches from Cuyahoga and Lorain Counties who prepare meal packets and clothing and distribute the supplies on a rotating basis. Each church purchases supplies, assembles the meal packs, then takes them to various sites in the Flats and Near West Side.

LaValle Dorsey (member of the Metro Missions Team), Roe Graham and Myra Samsa make up the Luke 3:11 mission team from Church of the Saviour. This core group is looking for other members to join them distributing the packs every six weeks or so. The distribution team has been greatly assisted by the "Sisters of the Sandwiches", a group of a dozen COTS women and men who gather at the church to assemble simple meals to be shared. The Luke 3:11 ministry will be looking for additional volunteers in the future to collect socks and cold weather clothing for the men and women they serve.

Beyond meeting the physical needs of this vulnerable population, the Luke 3:11 team is building relationships with those they meet. As Roe Graham noted, our society often reacts with condemnation and scorn to those on the fringes of our community. We can be Christ's representatives by showing kindness and caring love for those in need, hopefully giving rise to reconciliation and healing.



## COTS RESPONDS TO NATURAL DISASTER

On Saturday, September 2, the Global Missions Ministry Team coordinated a "flood bucket" packing event to respond to the devastating flooding in the Houston area. Volunteers responded to the call by purchasing supplies and packing 50 buckets that were delivered to UMCOR for use in their relief work. Global Missions also donated an additional \$1,000 to UMCOR for disaster relief. In total, our congregation has contributed \$15,411 to help with the recent natural disasters both in the US and around the globe.

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## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### October 1 World Communion Sunday

Worship at 8:30 in Myers Chapel, 9:30 in the Great Hall and 11:00 in the Sanctuary. Rev. Andy Call preaching at 8:30 and 11:00 "One Bread, One Body" (1 Corinthians 10:15 - 17). Rev. Gregory Kendrick Jr. preaching at 9:30 "At The Table" (1 Corinthians 11:17 - 26).

### October 8 Reaching Greater Heights: Go

Worship at 8:30 in Myers Chapel, 11:00 in the Great Hall and in the Sanctuary. Rev. Andy Call preaching at 8:30 and 11:00 Sanctuary, Rev. Kendrick Jr. preaching at 11:00 Great Hall Service. (Matthew 28: 16-20)

### October 15 Reaching Greater Heights: Love

Worship at 8:30 in Myers Chapel, 11:00 in the Great Hall and in the Sanctuary. Rev. Gregory Kendrick Jr. preaching at 8:30 and 11:00 Great Hall Service, Rev. Andy Call preaching at 11:00 Sanctuary Service. (Matthew 22:36-40).

### October 22 Reaching Greater Heights: Serve

Worship at 8:30 in Myers Chapel, 11:00 in the Great Hall and in the Sanctuary. Rev. Andy Call preaching at 8:30 and 11:00 Great Hall Service, Rev. Yvonne Conner preaching at 11:00 Sanctuary Service. (Matthew 20: 20-27).

### October 29 Reaching Greater Heights: Restore

Worship at 8:30 in Myers Chapel, 11:00 in the Great Hall and in the Sanctuary. Rev. Gregory Kendrick Jr. preaching at 8:30 and 11:00 Great Hall Service, Rev. Andy Call preaching at 11:00 Sanctuary Service (Matthew 27:45-50; 28:1-10)

## FROM THE LEAD PASTOR



Disciple /d ɛsɪpəl/ A person who follows or attends upon another in order to learn from him or her; a pupil; a follower. (Oxford English Dictionary)

Our ministry focus for the 2017-18 year is discipleship. As Christians, we are disciples of Jesus Christ. By definition, that means to follow Jesus in order to learn from him. As we seek to live faithfully as followers of Jesus, we want to grow deeper. There is no better way to grow as disciples than participation in a small group. Church planter Ed Stetzer writes, "Small groups, in fact, are where much of the theology taught in our pulpits begins to be fleshed out in conversation and action."

The month of October brings an easy entry point to a small group experience. Our Group Life Committee has been hard at work planning for a four week church wide experience we're calling Grouptober, where we carve out the 9:30 "pivot hour" in our Sunday morning schedule so everyone can take part without needing to calendar another day or time into their week (the 9:30 worship service will still happen, but at 11:00 for those four weeks).

Grouptober is invitational, not confrontational. We're doing this so everyone has a place to try the experience. No one will be forced to participate. No one will be forced to share more in a group than they're comfortable sharing. We hope and pray that you will come and try it out. We're pretty sure that if you do, you'll grow deeper by being together and learning from each other (not just the guy in the pulpit). Come and see.

- Rev. Andy Call

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## HOW IS THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ADDRESSING OUR DIFFERENCES REGARDING LGBTQ INCLUSION?

At the direction of the 2016 General Conference, The Commission on a Way Forward was formed to do a complete examination, and possible revision, of every paragraph of The Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality, and explore options that help to maintain and strengthen the unity of the church. The findings of the commission will be presented to a special session of General Conference to take place in February, 2019.

The United Methodist Church is encouraging local conversations among clergy and laity to prepare for the impact of the recommendations of the Commission on a Way Forward.

All clergy and laity in the East Ohio Conference are invited, and encouraged, to participate in a conference Conversation on a Way Forward. Several dates and locations are available, the first of which is in Mentor on Monday, October 23. Those conversations will follow the scope of four main questions:

- In our diverse and global existence, what is the shared mission of the Church?
- Is there a proactive way to live together in our differences that doesn't presume that we will solve our differences? If so, what would it be?
- What might be a form of unity that would empower us living together?
- What is our witness and what can be our witness to the world in relation to our differences?

To learn more the conversations and how to register, visit [eocumcnews.com](http://eocumcnews.com) or contact the church office.

## FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Church of the Saviour operating finances through August 2017 are summarized here. Pledge income was significantly off the pace in August (we are lagging behind budget in the amount of almost \$41,000, which is 7%). Unpledged contributions continue to be strong. Overall expenses remain below budget. It costs approximately \$100,000 per month to keep the church running. In August, we fell short by \$11,000. If you can pay your pledge early (rather than waiting until December), the church would be grateful.

### Receipts:

Actual	\$875,977
Budget	\$890,659
Difference	(\$ 14,682)

### Expenses:

Actual	\$870,910
Budget	\$912,289
Difference	(\$41,379)

Net Actual	(\$5,067)
Net Budget	(\$21,630)
Difference	(\$26,697)



## PICNIC MARKS END OF AN ERA

The Towers – Wesley Sunday school class disbanded as a formal group last spring but the remaining members enjoyed a final pot-luck picnic at the home of Alice and Art Lubell on Sunday, August 27th. This was the 40th year the picnic had been hosted by the Reed and Lubell families beginning when Alice's parents Cathie and Dick Reed were members of the class. Those attending enjoyed reminiscing about the long history of the group including 32 Wesley class plays, the Towers Family Fun Fair and Family Camping at Camp Klein.



## UMW FALL FLEA MARKET

Start putting aside your donations for the UMW Fall Flea Market which will be held October 20 and 21. Please consider volunteering your time to this important mission event. We need many hands to sort and price items Monday through Thursday the week of the sale. On Friday and Saturday, we need cashiers, lunch servers, greeters, monitors and a clean-up crew. Men are especially needed. Volunteers who donate at least 4 hours can shop for 7 items at a pre-sale on Thursday, from 11 am to 1 pm.

You can volunteer by using the SignUpGenius link found on the church website ([chsaviour.org](http://chsaviour.org)) or you can fill out a sign-up sheet available in church office. You can also email or call Mary Freer at [cotsfleas@gmail.com](mailto:cotsfleas@gmail.com) or 216-242-6144

## NEW DIRECTOR OF EARLY LEARNING CENTER



The Early Learning Center is pleased to introduce Charlene Williams as their new Director. Williams retired from a distinguished career as a special education teacher and principal in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) last May and joined the ELC on August 1. Ms. Williams said that when the opportunity came along this summer to take leadership of the Church of the Saviour Early Learning Center, she signed on with enthusiasm.

Ms. Williams has a strong background in education. She has a degree in special education K through 12 from Cleveland State University and a master's from John Carroll University in education administration. In addition to her degrees, Ms. Williams has nine years of experience as a teacher of special needs students prior to being promoted to assistant principal at Hannah Gibbons Elementary School and then she enjoyed many years as a principal of several schools within the CMSD.

Williams says that, since joining the ELC, she is constantly learning new things to apply to the job and that she enjoys the courses on early childhood education offered through the State of Ohio. Said Ms. Williams, "I am constantly meeting new families, and the kids are learning new things as well." She observed that the ELC is a close knit group with 50 children in the center, from infants at six weeks to students in the after school program up to age 11. Being part of the ELC, and its families, along with her 14-member staff and the church community, creates an ideal atmosphere for learning.

According to Williams, the foundation of the ELC program is children learning through play. She plans to continue to build the program on the strengths of the ELC such as the facilities which provide a lot of space for large muscle development and the teacher-child ratio which is one to four, better than the State requirements.

When you see this Cleveland Heights resident at the ELC, in church or in the community, be sure to welcome her to the Church of the Saviour family.



## GROUPTOBER IS FOR YOU

This October, Church of the Saviour will participate in a small group experience like no other! The LifeSong and Sanctuary services will occur simultaneously at 11 a.m so that the entire church will have an opportunity to come together at 9:30 to deepen our discipleship and strengthen relationships. If you have never been part of a small group or if you meet weekly with a discipleship group, Grouptober is for you. If you have been looking for the next step in growing your faith, Grouptober is for you!

## WEBSITE AND PODCASTING

chsaviour.org

## MINISTRY TEAM

Andy Call, Lead Pastor

Gregory Kendrick, Jr., Pastor

Lois Annich, Pastoral Counselor

Brian Smart, Director of Emerging Ministries

David Gilson, Director of Music

Robert Day, Organist

Curt Campbell, Director of Youth Ministries

Lydia Stephens, Director of Children's Ministries

Penny Neisen, Properties Manager

Loretta Dahlstrom, Business Administrator

Cris Hicks, Administrative Assistant

Deborah Johnson, Administrative Assistant

Jill Barr, Newsletter Editor

Leslie Myers, Wedding Coordinator

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## NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Thank you for the donation of school supplies for our AARP Foundation Experience Corps literacy tutoring program. We appreciate being included in this distribution again this year. Thank you also for allowing us to keep a box for collecting gently used children's books outside the library door.

Our Experience Corps program engages adults age 50+ to work individually with students who are below grade level in reading. The program is serving Euclid City Schools. The donated school supplies will be used by our volunteer tutors when they work with students and the books are given to students before holiday breaks and summer vacation so they can continue reading at home.

Thank you for your support of our efforts to help young students improve their literacy skills.

Sincerely, Joy Banish  
Executive Director, Greater Cleveland Volunteers

Brian Broadbent, Pete Evangelista, Evan Leonard, Eric Lewis and Tom Wadsworth are praising God for all the support that we received during the weekend of 9/14 – 9/17, while serving on the Kairos team at Trumbull Correctional Institution!

Our COTS family armed us with prayers, cookies, placemats, posters, meal-tickets, financial support, and encouraging words as we as we shared the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to the resident participants. We felt both humbled and privileged to have a front-row seat in witnessing God at work so closely and so clearly.

One resident passed a note that read: "It should be called Heroes [rather than Kairos] because These Brothers save lives." Thanks again for partnering with us in the KAIROS ministry!

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY'S BULLETIN BOARD

Heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of **S.R. (Dick) Petry II** who passed away on September 5.

Congratulations to the family of **Eleanor Catherine Musco** who was born on August 31. Eleanor is the daughter of **Sarah and Vincent Musco** and the granddaughter of **Bruce and Becky Gabriel**.

Congratulations to the family of **Jack Benish** who was born on September 16. Jack is the son of **Will and Carly Benish** and the grandson of **Bill and Janet Benish**.

## SAVE THE DATES

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, October 7

Breathe Respite Night: Friday, October 13

Theology in Film: Sunday, October 15

UMW Fall Flea Market Set Up: October 16 – 19

UMW Fall Flea Market: Friday and Saturday, October 20 & 21

Metro Ministries Game Night (New Life Cathedral): Friday, October 20

Conversation on a Way Forward (Mentor): Saturday, October 23

Upward Evaluations: Monday, Tuesday, Saturday, October 23, 24 & 28

COTS Charge Conference: Monday, October 23