

THE CHIMES

September 2017



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NEW DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Welcome to Lydia Stephens New Director of Children's Ministries

We are happy to share exciting news! On behalf of SPRC and the Children's Ministries Director search committee, we are pleased to announce that we have hired Lydia Stephens as Director of Children's Ministries. She will be taking over leadership of the children's Sunday school classes and our other Children's Ministries programs such as Kids Club and Vacation Bible School. Lydia comes to Church of the Saviour from Silverdale United Methodist Church in Silverdale, Washington where she served as Director of Children's Ministries.

Joining the ministry team at Church of the Saviour is part of a return home for Lydia, her husband Gavin, and their children as Lydia and Gavin are from Shaker Heights. They have resided in Washington while Gavin has served with the U.S. Navy. As the Stephens family is now in the process of relocating to the Heights area, Lydia will begin her work at COTS in late September. We are excited to share in her passion for teaching, her creative zeal, and her desire to follow God's call.

Lydia's service with Church of the Saviour is an answer to prayers that have been offered for quite some time. Her husband Gavin's parents, Darryl and Janice Stephens, frequently attend our 9:30 service and have often requested prayer for the family while Gavin has been deployed. We have been praying for Lydia and her family long before there was ever a consideration that she would serve God along with us. God's guiding hand in our lives is truly mysterious and marvelous!

While we sought a new permanent director, Children's Ministries at Church of the Saviour have been under the able and dedicated leadership of interim directors, Pamela Bowler and Kristi Bergren. As a congregation, we are grateful that they have shared their time and their talents! SPRC also says a special thank you to our search committee for working so hard over the past several months.

When you see Lydia and her family, please welcome them to the COTS family. We are thrilled to have her as a part of our ministry leadership team!

Daran Kiefer
Co-Chair SPRC

Shane Griest
Co-Chair SPRC



Did you know that most people who are looking for a church home do so in the early fall? For many, fall is a time of starting new routines and life changes. It's likely that people you know and see regularly are thinking about finding a church home right now.

September is a great time to invite friends and neighbors to church. Invite people to come with you to experience life at Church of the Saviour. September 10 is the beginning of our new ministry year, and we're celebrating. Join us after worship for pizza, popcorn, a bounce house, and lots of fun. Help make this the start of something new - for you and for others, as we experience life.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September 3

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 "Built to Last". (Philippians 4:4-13, 20-23) Holy Communion at all three services.

September 10

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 "The Foundation of Grace". (Romans 13:8-14)

September 17

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 "The Audacity of Grace". (Matthew 18:21-35)

September 24

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 "The Absurd Mathematics of Grace". (Matthew 20:1-16) Foundation Sunday

FROM THE LEAD PASTOR



Christ did not come that we might be great in the world's eyes. But he did come as the example of what is truly great, and he called his followers to pursue a different kind of greatness.

If our faith in Jesus Christ is at the root of our identity, then it follows that a life of meaning and purpose is grounded in living the life to which Christ has called us. We devote ourselves to Christ's teaching because that is who we are – blessed and redeemed and reconciled with God through God's love poured out for us in Christ. We share that Good News with others around us because we want everyone to know abundant life in Christ. I don't want to just be a good Christian; I want to be excellent for the sake of Christ. I want to go deeper in my relationship with God because, for me, this is the ultimate purpose – my life has meaning because God created me and loves me and wants to be in relationship with me. And I'm here to tell you today, friends, that God created you and loves you and wants to be in relationship with you, too. I believe God has blessed me – has blessed us – to be a blessing to others. And I want to pursue that goal to the very best of my God-given abilities, not just a little bit, but all the way. That's the greatness I'm talking about – excellence for the sake of Christ and his mission. Something is about to emerge here. You can feel it in the air and sense it in the energy moving all around us. Isn't it exciting to be a part of that movement?

What would it mean for us as a church to be completely sold out for excellence for the sake of Christ and his mission? What does the pursuit of excellence look like for Church of the Saviour? Over the next five weeks, we are going to look at some of the principles of Good to Great and the Letter to the Philippians and explore what we can learn from them in how we become the church God is calling us to be. We begin by asking, "Is excellence our goal?" I hope that, given all that God has already revealed to us, our answer is a wholehearted, "Yes!"

So, Church of the Saviour, are we ready to make the leap from good to great? Do we believe that God is calling us into a future filled with hope and promise? Let us commit our hearts and our energy to excellence for the sake of Christ and his mission. God is ready to leap with us.

- Rev. Andy Call

NOTE TO THE CHURCH FAMILY

From Director of Music Ministries, David Gilson

I am excited to begin my work with all of you in these next few weeks. I have delighted in getting to meet some of you who sing and/or play at Church of the Saviour. And before saying anything more about our upcoming schedule I want to give a huge shout-out of thanks to Bob Day. His devotion to the church music program is exemplar and more than any director could wish to have in a colleague. The job he has done in carrying the program during the past 8 months is nothing short of remarkable and I am so delighted to come into a new situation in which there is an energy and engagement with music by so many. We all have Bob to thank for his shepherding of the program through changing times. THANK YOU!

Current plans for the schedules are slightly changed from last year to allow for appropriate staffing of ensembles as well as to hopefully allow as many options to make music as possible.

Rehearsal Schedule

Thursdays

6:00 – 6:45 p.m. Carol Choir & Celebration Ringers

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir

6:45 – 7:30 p.m. Vivace, Agape, & Bells of the Saviour

7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sundays

12:15 p.m. Wesley Bells

1:15 p.m. Flute Ensemble

4:30 p.m. Good News Choir

COTS Choirs and Bells Kick-off Schedule

Chancel and Gospel Choirs will share a Potluck dinner before rehearsing on Thursday, September 7th. Exact timing is TBD for our first night. Returning choir members should watch their email for additional details. Anyone interested in joining either choir is invited and should contact the church office so that we can add you to our contact lists.

Good News Choir and Wesley Bells will resume practices on Sunday, September 10. Wesley Bells will rehearse at 12:15 p.m. and Good News will rehearse at 4:30 p.m.

Carol, Vivace and Agape Choirs as well as Celebration Ringers and Bells of the Saviour will resume practices on Thursday, September 14.

It is my fervent desire that all interested in being a part of the worship of Christ through music will come and explore the options available. The leaders of all the ensembles need you. All are welcome.

- David Gilson
Director of Music

UMW PRESENTS PROGRAM ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

United Methodist Women announces the opening program for the 2017-18 year: Combatting Human Trafficking with Rahab's Rope in India. A first-hand account, presented by Amanda Marshall, will take place in the Parlor on Tuesday, September 12 at 10 a.m. This program, originally scheduled for an evening last March, is open to all who wish to learn about this subject. Presenter, Amanda Marshall, is the wife of former COTS associate pastor Erik Marshall. Devotions will follow the presentation. A light luncheon (\$5 at the door) will be served in Calvary Hall at about 11:30 a.m. Please call the church office (216-321-8880) by Sunday, Sept. 10 to reserve your place for lunch. Reserve child care by calling Debbie Jones: 216-382-5929.

KAIROS MINISTRY

Five men from Church of the Saviour are going to prison this month and you can help get them there. Brian Broadbent, Tom Wadsworth, Eric Lewis, Evan Leonard and Pete Evangelista are answering the call to participate in Kairos, a weekend event that aims to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. The weekend is September 14 – 17 at Trumbull Correctional Institution. You can partner in this ministry with:

- **Prayer!** All prayer is appreciated, but we would love to get you into a 30-min slot on the continuous prayer vigil schedule <http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetComm.phtml> (scroll down to Trumbull)
- **Cookies!** Between the 5 of them, this team needs to collect 500 dozen by Sept 6th. Every batch helps! Specific instructions are available, but each dozen needs to be placed in a 1-quart zip-lock bag.
- **Posters and placemats!** Decorated posters and placemats with encouraging words/images.

If you/your class/group can help with any of the above, please contact Pete at pizonpete@aol.com or 216-647-4774 to get specific details. Thank you!

THEOLOGY IN FILM: NEW DATE & TIME

Theology in Film will now be meeting on the third Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. in room 122. Come and join us as we meet for the first time this fall on Sunday, September 17.

ABINGTON ARMS MINISTRY

Abington Arms Ministry is an outreach ministry in cooperation with Covenant University and Community Ministries. The ministry provides a nutritious, home cooked meal to 35-45 residents of Abington Arms Apartments located on Mayfield Road in University Circle. The residents, who may be physically compromised or very low income, look forward to our visits every other month on the 4th Wednesday. Our menus are developed by the leadership team. Church volunteers can prepare a self-selected portion of the meal (entrée, vegetable or dessert) or donate their time on-site to serve the meals restaurant style between 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. The food donations may be delivered to Abington Arms or dropped off at the church in advance. If you are interested in volunteering as a cook, server, or prayer partner, please contact Joyce Dearborn by email at jpd6708@yahoo.com. Our next service opportunity at Abington Arms is October 25.

ECHO SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Church of the Savior's ECHO group is scheduled to volunteer at Saint Philomena on **Saturday, September 30th**. The center at Saint Philomena provides food and clothing for clients in East Cleveland and the surrounding areas. Work assignments include sorting, packing, distribution, and hospitality and are based on your abilities, preference, and the needs on any given day. Volunteers arrive at 9:30 a.m. and will finish no later than 1 p.m. It is not necessary to remain the entire time. Please let Mark or Linda Moore (markwmoore32@yahoo.com) know if you plan to serve so they can provide a count to the center managers. The facility is located at 13824 Euclid Ave. in East Cleveland.

BIDDING A FOND FAREWELL

We bid a fond farewell to longtime choir soloists Steve DiLauro and Danny Reiman as they move on to new and exciting pursuits. Steve will now be singing downtown on Sunday mornings at the Old Stone Church. He is looking forward to a much shorter commute, especially once the snow falls.

Danny has made the move from teacher to school principal and will also be working on his master's degree. These changes, in addition to the demands of his young family, will be keeping him busy.

Both Steve and Danny have enriched worship here at Church of the Saviour with their beautiful voices and generous spirits and they will be missed. Please join us in praying for them in these new endeavors and wishing them joy and success in all of their pursuits.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Church of the Saviour operating finances through July 2017 are summarized here. Congregational support of Christmas In July, coupled with expenses well below budget, have enabled us to finish the first seven months of the year with a cumulative SURPLUS of \$17,523! While we are slightly below budget in pledge receipts, unpledged contributions are on point. We are in a good financial position as we head into the busy fall kick-off season. We need your continued faithful support to continue the forward momentum.

Receipts:		Expenses:			
Actual	\$786,613	Actual	\$769,090	Net Actual	(\$17,523)
Budget	\$785,163	Budget	\$804,977	Net Budget	(\$19,814)
Difference	(\$ 1,450)	Difference	(\$35,887)	Difference	(\$37,337)

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MINISTRY TEAM

Andy Call, Lead Pastor

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NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Dear Church of the Saviour Friends,

We had such fun visiting with you when we were on our home assignment. Thank you for the warm welcome you gave to us. We are grateful for your generous support that helps us to minister in Liberia. Your partnership in ministry is a blessing to us. We are anticipating all God is going to do in the coming year. Thank you again for your encouragement and support. May God bless you abundantly!

Much love, Kerry & Joey Davidson

OUR CHURCH FAMILY'S BULLETIN BOARD

Heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the following church members who have recently passed away: **Eugene Zimmerman** (July 22), **Kay Everson** (July 23), **Dotty Phillips** (July 27) and **Gordon Doble** (August 2).

Heartfelt condolences to **Mason & Kaylynn Corrigan** and their mother **Courtney Corrigan** on the recent passing of Mason & Kaylynn's father **Christopher Bruch**.

Congratulations to the family of **Emilia Grace Harris** who was born on August 18. Emilia is the daughter of **Elizabeth and Dion Harris**, granddaughter of **Eleanor Abram**, and sister of **Selena and Maria Harris**.

Congratulations to **Adam Maraschky and Emily Stott** who became engaged on August 5, 2017.

YOUTH GROUPS & KIDS CLUB KICK OFF

September brings the return of Kids Club and Youth Group events at Church of the Saviour for school aged children beginning with those entering 3rd grade. Come join the fun!

Kids Club (Grades 3 through 5) will meet monthly beginning Friday, September 15 with a scavenger hunt. We will meet in the Great Hall.

Jr. Youth (Grades 6 through 8) will meet weekly beginning Friday, September 8 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Sr. Youth (Grades 9 through 12) will meet weekly beginning Friday, September 8 from 7 to 11 p.m.

Important Youth Group Dates for 2017-2018

Jr. Youth Fall Retreat at Camp Wanake, September 29 - October 1.

Sr. Youth Fall Retreat at Camp Asbury, November 10 - November 12.

Summer Mission Trip to Southern Ohio, July 7 - July 13, 2018.

SAVE THE DATES

Upward Registration Opens: Tuesday, September 5

Presentation of 2nd Grade Bibles: September 17

Playground Bruch: Sunday, September 17

Foundation Sunday – G. Robert Klein Award: Sunday, September 24

Breathe Respite: Friday, October 6