

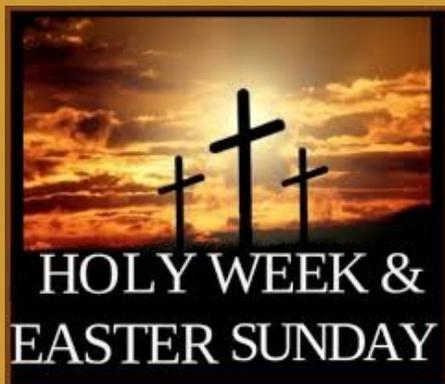
THE CHIMES

APRIL 2017



CHURCH of
the SAVIOUR

United Methodist



Palm Sunday ~ April 9

8:30 a.m., Myers Chapel

9:30 a.m., Great Hall

11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Rev. Andy Call

Maundy Thursday ~ April 13

Worship at tables for both services

12 noon, Parlor

7 p.m., Great Hall (Living Last Supper)

Rev. Andy Call

Tenebrae Good Friday ~ April 14

7 p.m., Sanctuary

Rev. Judy Wismar Claycomb

Easter Vigil ~ April 15

7 p.m., Myers Chapel

Rev. Dianne Tobey Covault

Easter ~ April 16

6:30 a.m., Sunrise Service, Church Front Lawn

Rev. Dianne Tobey Covault

8:30 a.m., Sanctuary

9:30 a.m., Great Hall

11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Rev. Judy Wismar Claycomb



**Church of the Saviour Welcomes
Rev. Dr. Valerie Stultz
UMW Sunday, April 30, 2017**

Church of the Saviour welcomes Rev. Dr. Valerie Stultz as our guest speaker for UMW Sunday on April 30. Dr. Stultz has had a long and varied career in both education and ministry and is currently serving as an adjunct faculty member at The Methodist Theological School in Ohio. Dr. Stultz is also a Spiritual Director for individuals and groups, a church conflict consultant and a retreat leader. With a deep interest in people of all ages as well as teaching, reading, walking and spiritual direction, Dr. Stultz has traveled extensively in mission work. Dr. Stultz and her husband have three children and six grandchildren. She will be preaching at all three services on April 30. Please plan to welcome Dr. Stultz when you attend worship on UMW Sunday.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

APRIL 2

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. Dianne Tobey Covault preaching "*Them Bones Gonna Rise Again*" (Ezekiel 37:1-14 & John 11:1-45) Holy Communion at all three services. Fifth Sunday in Lent.

APRIL 9 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. Andy Call preaching. "*Love Unknown*" (Matthew 21: 1-11 & Matthew 27:11-26)

APRIL 16 EASTER SUNDAY

Worship at 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service on the Church Front Lawn. Rev. Dianne Tobey Covault preaching. Worship at 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary, 9:30 a.m. in the Great Hall and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Rev. Judy Wismar Claycomb preaching. "*Jesus is on the Loose*" (John 20: 1-18)

APRIL 23

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 "*Without Seeing*" (1 Peter 1:3-9 & John 20:19-31) Second Sunday in Easter.

APRIL 30

Worship at 8:30 a.m. in Myers Chapel, 9:30 in the Great Hall and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Rev. Dr. Valerie Stultz preaching "*What Does God Expect*" (Micah 6:1-8) UMW Sunday



Along the Way...

*Risen One, come, meet me in the garden of my life...
Revive my silent hope. Coax my dormant dreams. Raise up my neglected gratitude.
Entice my tired enthusiasm...
Send me forth as a disciple of your unwavering love,
A messenger of your unlimited joy.¹*

Easter is just two weeks away, and we're more than ready to welcome its sun-lit promises of new hope. Many can identify with Rupp's metaphors of dormant dreams waking, and enthusiasm reviving. At home, at work, at school and at church we can use an infusion of Easter joy. And here it comes, right around the corner.

Each day of Holy week worship at Church of the Savior, April 9-16, carries us deeper into the heart of Jesus' journey, from his triumphal entry into the Jerusalem gates on Palm Sunday to the dramatic encounters among disciples gathered Thursday around the meal table, where Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper. On Friday candles are extinguished, one by one, solemnly yielding to the silence, remembering how Jesus gave his life in utter love, utter trust, utter surrender to God. Then the depths of watching and longing are plumbed through Saturday evening's service of vigil through to Sunday, when, from sunrise-on, we celebrate with shouts of joy how, from this surrender, in this love, faithful to this trust, the Lord of Heaven and earth contradicted the sin that put Jesus to death, defeating its threat, vanquishing its power and raising Christ to life eternal, that all the world might know how far, how deep, how wide, how resilient, how faithful is our God—and that, though weeping may tarry for the night, there will be joy in the morning, a joy so infectious we can't keep it to ourselves.

Hymn writer, John Bell, pens the words,

“Christ is risen, Christ is present making us what he has been—
Evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.”

There are signs of Easter transformation throughout this church community, where God is known and seen. Let's not keep it to ourselves. Please invite others to worship on Easter, April 16: Sunrise Service on the front lawn with coffee and donuts at 6:30 a.m., followed by services at 8:30, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., in the hope that we might all become evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen ALIVE among us!

May Blessings flow for you and your loved ones, through this Holy season and always, all along the Way,

-Judy

¹From Joyce Rupp, "Awaken Me," in Out of the Ordinary. (Notre Dame, Indiana: Ave Maria Press, 2000) p.84

2017 Men's Advance

The 2017 Church of the Saviour Men's Advance: Temptation Island will be held on April 28-29, 2017, from 5:30 p.m. on Friday evening to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday evening at Camp Asbury in Hiram, Ohio. Please join us for 24 hours of socializing, studying, and working out our faith together. Please sign up in the Church office by April 25. The retreat center holds a maximum of 50 so sign up early. The cost for the overnight is \$80 and assistance is available.

Our theme for the weekend is Temptation Island. Our guiding scripture for the weekend is James 1: 2-4 NRSV: *2 My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; 4 and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.*

The Men's Advance is a great way to get to know men in the church better, to work on your faith, to reconnect with God and fellow disciples, to reflect and have the opportunity to hit the reset button. Can you take a day away for any of these things? The better question, perhaps is how can you not?



Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, April 8, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, the COTS Kids' Club will host our annual Easter egg hunt for the children of our church and community. We will have two hunts, one for preschoolers and one for elementary-aged kids, on the church's front lawn (or inside in case of rain). Plenty of adults will be on hand as well to keep everyone safe. After the hunt, we will head to the Great Hall for refreshments and activities hosted by the Kids' Club. Bring your friends and neighbors-and bring your own baskets!



Created by God

Created by God is returning to COTS, **April 21-22** and is open to 5th and 6th graders. Created by God is a study of human sexuality with a Christian foundation. It will offer both you and your child an opportunity to learn, grow, and celebrate the fact that we have each been wonderfully created by God, and are called to responsible living as sexual beings. **Optional Parent Info Meeting: Thursday, April 6, 6:30 p.m.** The cost for the overnight program is \$20, assistance is available. Registration ends April 16. Contact Curt Campbell at curt@chsaviour.org.

The COTS Café coffee machine for missions returns!

Word is out amongst the coffee lovers at Church of the Saviour. We have a beautiful new machine that makes great coffee while collecting funds for mission work. Tom Sperl is the creator and anchor of this ministry. Tom and a small group of church members recently purchased a new coffee machine for church. As you may know, the COTS Café coffee machine is unique. Because all of the products in the machine are donated by individuals at church, every penny used to buy a drink goes directly to serve others in a wide variety of ways.

The previous machine raised over \$23,000 over seven years! Tom hopes that the new machine, which offers more varieties and even better coffee, will raise even more. Each mission goal is relatively small – maxed out at \$500. After that need is met, a new mission goal is set. Tom shared that his personal dream is to have a new mission need funded EACH month – that would be a total of \$6,000 a year.”

The new coffee machine is currently stocked with Starbucks beans which are ground fresh for each cup. The milk drinks (Latte and Cappuccino) are rich and frothy. There is a DECAF option, too, that MAY get swapped out for hot chocolate. There is even Black Tea!

Tom never wanted to be a vending machine maintenance man, but rather, an enabler of mission work. So spread the word of the ministry aspect of this effort and enjoy some GREAT coffee. Please email Tom at tsperl13@gmail.com with questions and mission suggestions.

UMW Sunday April 30

United Methodist Women Sunday is April 30. The guest speaker this year is Rev. Dr. Valerie Stultz. Dr. Stultz’s sermon title is “What Does God Expect?” Women from our local UMW unit will be participating at all three services and the UMW Special Mission Pin recipient(s) will be announced during worship that morning. This award is given to those who most exemplify, through their words and actions, a commitment to the ideals of United Methodist Women.

Please join us for this special morning as Church of the Saviour celebrates women and their many contributions at the local, national and international level on behalf of women, children and youth.

COTS to Host Panel on Opioid Addiction

On February 6, 2017 it was reported that Cuyahoga County had 14 deaths from drug overdoses in one weekend. Cindy Watson Sperl and a group of other concerned church members have organized a panel of experts from Church of the Saviour and the community to speak from their professional experience in dealing with this complex issue of Opioid Addiction on Wednesday, May 17 at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. Presenters include Thomas Gilson, MD, Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner and Crime Laboratory Director; Libbie Stansifer, MD, Medical Director at Signature Health; Judge Joan Synenberg, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court; and a representative from Cuyahoga County Division of Child and Family Services.



For the past 10 years, Renee Leonard has faithfully served as director of children’s ministries at Church of the Saviour. Recently, Renee informed the pastors, staff, Children’s Ministries committee, and children’s Sunday School class teachers that she will be ending her devoted and exemplary service in that position. God has a new path for her life and she will be leaving the position for new employment. Renee’s service during week-days ended on March 24, but she will continue to serve as director on Sundays through Easter.

Renee’s devotion to children’s ministries at Church of the Saviour has borne so much fruit. Her tenure has brought exciting new curricula to Sunday School classes, amazing growth to the summer Vacation Bible School program, and the start of the Breathe respite ministry.

While it will be sad to see her leave the position and, as a congregation, we will miss her faithful service as director; we can’t help but be happy when an exciting new path opens for someone that we all love so dearly. I’m excited to see where in this church she will next direct her faithfulness and energy as I’m sure God will show her a new way to serve. Renee and the entire Leonard family are not the type to just sit idly in the pews.

After Easter, we will have an opportunity to properly recognize and honor Renee’s faithful service with a reception and a love offering. Over these next weeks, I’m sure that Renee would appreciate your prayers and words of support.

While it will be very hard to fill Renee’s shoes, it’s SPRC’s job to do just that. We will be working with the Children’s Ministries committee and Sunday School teachers to find interim leadership to ensure continuity for our children’s Sunday School classes and for our amazing Vacation Bible School program. Then, we will work together with those ministry leaders to find a new permanent director. I am sure that God will guide us in those tasks. If you have any questions or thoughts regarding the search process, please feel free to speak with me or SPRC co-chair Daran Keifer.

Many Church of the Saviour families have grown stronger in faith through Renee’s dedication and her caring heart. We are thankful for Renee’s years of faithful service and thrilled that she is continuing to answer God’s call. May God continue to bless Renee and the Leonard family.

Shane Griest,
Co-Chair, Staff Parish Relations Committee

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**OUR CHURCH FAMILY'S
BULLETIN BOARD**

Congratulations to the Bertram Family on the birth of Christine Elizabeth on February 23. Christine is the daughter of Jaqueline and James and little sister to Michael.

Congratulations to the Kolb family on the birth of Thomas MacGregor Kolb on March 6. Thomas is the son of Megan and Andrew Kolb and grandson of Sandra and Marty Kolb.

East Ohio Summer Camps

Registration is now open for East Ohio Summer camps! Let East Ohio Camps be your family's partner in nurturing your child's love of Jesus and love of others. Check them out at EOCSummerCamps.org.

UPCOMING DEADLINES

Monday, April 10

Mid-Month digital reminder page

Monday, April 17

May Chimes newsletter

Send all information to chimes@chsaviour.org

Notes of Appreciation

I am grateful to Church of the Saviour for the many prayers, cards and calls extended to me during my illness. There is no way to tell you how thankful I am. I am looking forward to returning to the church soon. Again, thanks to all!

Sincerely, Martha Silvera



Congratulations Bible Bookworms

Fifteen Bible Bookworm Club members read one hundred and twenty three books during the six week long church library program this winter. Good job, kids and parents who encouraged you.

Coming Events

Quarterly Men's Breakfast, Saturday, April 8 at 7:30 a.m. Rolf Bergman will be our speaker. The coffee arrives at 7:15 so come early to hang. We end promptly at 9:00 so you can get home to your families.

UMW Spring Flea Market, Friday & Saturday May 5 & 6. Donations will be accepted beginning Monday, May 1. To volunteer contact cotsfleas@gmail.com.

The Next East Cleveland Serving Day will be Saturday, May 13th. We will be serving with the East Cleveland congregation of New Life Cathedral.



What: Vacation Bible School at Church of the Saviour

When: Monday through Thursday, June 19-22, 9:00 a.m. to noon

Registration is now open at www.chsaviour.org