

# THE CHIMES

MARCH 2017



CHURCH of  
the SAVIOUR

United Methodist

## Small Group Opportunities During Lent

The Lenten Season is a special time of reflection and focus on our faith. The Group Life Committee have selected possible focus options for Lent and have chosen some great books, handpicked to nurture our souls and will something positive to our Lenten observance. To join a group, you can sign up on the church website ([chsaviour.org](http://chsaviour.org)) in the church office.

### The Way by Adam Hamilton

Topic: Following the footsteps of Jesus and his teachings.

Led by Rich Hiles

Tuesdays, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. March 7 through April 4

Location: Bethel Room

### Radical: Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream by David Platt

Topic: A look at our discipleship walk contrasted with American culture

Led by Brian Broadbent & Eric Pelander

Saturdays, 3 to 4 p.m. March 4 through April 8

Location: Room 121 (The Old Library)

### Listen: Praying in a Noisy World by Reuben Job

Topic: We live in a world of noise. Listening to God requires a deliberate choice to shut out the chaos and focus our thoughts.

Led by Dianne Tobey Covault & Susan Lanphear

Wednesdays, 7 to 8 p.m. March 8 through April 5

Location: Room 207-209 (Senior Youth Room)

### How to Walk into Church by Tony Payne

Topic: How to walk into church. It's not as simple as it sounds. Our hearts and our self-awareness can be tuned to God's presence.

Led by Andy Call

Tuesdays, 12 noon to 1 p.m. March 7 through April 4

Location: Room 121

### Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It by Adam Hamilton

Topic: Exploring the defining characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian

Led by Jennifer Whately Williams & Leslie Dingeldein

Sundays, from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. March 5 through April 9

Location: Calvary Hall Stage

### SEARCH for God's Call in Your Life

Topic: A small group experience to help you Seek, Explore, Assess, Respond, Coalesce, and Help.

Led by Eric Lewis

Tuesdays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. March 7 through April 11

Location: Room 161

Lent Small  
Group Studies



## Join Choir for Lent and Easter

Choirs at Church of the Saviour are also small groups. If you have ever considered joining a choir, Lent is a particularly meaningful time to join in worship through song. During Lent we focus on music of reflection while also preparing for the great celebration of Easter to come. Chancel Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00, the Gospel Choir rehearses Thursday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 and Good News rehearses Sunday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30. For more information, contact the Church office at 216-321-8880.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### MARCH 1 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

12 noon and 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Worship in the style of Taizé with communion and imposition of ashes. Come experience the singing, silence, scripture and prayer of Taizé as we prepare our hearts for Lent.

### MARCH 5

Worship at 8:30 a.m. in Myers Chapel, 9:30 in the Great Hall and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Youth Sunday.

Holy Communion at all three services. First Sunday in Lent.

### MARCH 12

Worship at 8:30 a.m. in Myers Chapel, 9:30 in the Great Hall and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Rev. Andy Call preaching "Production Line Faith" (Exodus 17: 1-7; Romans 5:1-11) Second Sunday in Lent.

### MARCH 19

Worship at 8:30 a.m. in Myers Chapel, 9:30 in the Great Hall and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Rev. Judy Wismar Claycomb preaching "Seeing is Believing" (John 9:1-41) Third Sunday in Lent.

### MARCH 26

Worship at 8:30 a.m. in Myers Chapel, 9:30 in the Great Hall and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Rev. Judy Wismar Claycomb preaching "Born Again" (John 3:1-17) Fourth Sunday in Lent.



## Along the Way...

*I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus, the Father of glory,  
may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come  
to know him, so that, with the eyes of your hearts enlightened,  
you may know what is the hope to which God has called you.  
(Ephesians 1:15ff.)*

“Look... at... **God!**”

It is with the eyes of my heart enlightened that I convey to you these words of our new Bishop, Rev. Dr. Tracy Smith Malone, as together we recognize all that God has done, is doing and will continue to work in the life and lives of Church of the Saviour. On February 12 it was announced in worship services that the transition plan for pastoral leadership of Church of the Saviour will be completed June 30, 2017 with the newly configured Pastoral Ministry Team in place and moving forward July 1. There is good news to celebrate on four fronts (albeit bittersweet):

I am welcoming retirement after 38 years in active ministry.

Rev. Andy Call will be appointed as Lead Pastor of Church of the Saviour.

Bishop Malone expects to appoint Rev. Dianne Tobey Covault to serve as Pastor of a congregation, yet to be announced.

We are blessed to retain Brian Smart on our staff; a gifted, spirit-led and deeply faithful member of our ministry staff serving as Worship Leader and Director of Emerging Ministries, including Gospel Choir.

I celebrate the timing of this “passing of the mantle” as it has been prayerfully and lovingly determined in consultation with Bishop Malone, Superintendent Dr. Steve Bailey, and our Staff-Parish Relations Committee. In the Bishop’s words, “Andy is not being appointed simply because this was the original transition plan. I am appointing Andy because we have assessed the missional needs, the current state of the church and the church’s potential for ministry and have determined he has the necessary skill-sets, competencies, and leadership capacity and is a visionary leader.” SPRC Chair Shane Griest aptly describes Andy as “a dynamic preacher, a brilliant musician, a trusted voice of wise counsel, and comforting hand in times of trouble.”

In tribute to Pastor Tobey Covault’s ministry in our midst, Shane wrote the following: “Dianne is dear to our hearts and many of us have laughed, cried, and prayed with her. In addition to sharing tasks of preaching, teaching, worship leadership, and pastoral care; Dianne has worked fruitfully with laity to expand and deepen Church of the Saviour’s group life. As we have all benefited from Dianne’s work with our congregation, I’m sure many of you have come to the realization that, some day, some congregation would be blessed with her as a lead pastor. It is natural and appropriate for associate pastors to eventually be promoted and we rejoice that God is calling Dianne in this manner.” As further information about Dianne’s Pastoral appointment is available, we will communicate it to you.

The Bishop and Cabinet are currently identifying a full-time Associate Pastor for appointment in July. To assist the appointment process, our Staff Parish Relations Committee is presently developing a profile for this ministry position, receiving input from the wider congregation.

It has been a distinct honor for me to serve with you, the gifted and faithful Church of the Saviour, and to be entrusted with the innovative leadership role that God called for at this time in your storied life and history. What a remarkable Church you are, and what great promise is before you, as “*With-Us-God*” engages new people in new ways with all the possibilities of abundant Life in Jesus Christ. When friends and colleagues ask me what is the best part of serving Church of the Saviour, the answer comes immediately and is always the same. “It’s the people: amazing, wonderful people.”

I am confident that the One who has begun a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus... along the Way.

- Judy

## ECHO Service Day

Church of the Saviour's ECHO group is scheduled to volunteer at Saint Philomena on Saturday, March 25 between 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. (It is not necessary to remain the entire time.) The center at Saint Philomena provides food and clothing for clients in East Cleveland and the surrounding areas. Please let Mark or Linda Moore know if you are planning to join them so that an accurate volunteer count can be provided to the center managers. Work assignments are based on your preference, and the needs on any given day. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Mark Moore at [markwmoore32@yahoo.com](mailto:markwmoore32@yahoo.com) or Linda Moore at [lindajmoore32@yahoo.com](mailto:lindajmoore32@yahoo.com).

## Breakthrough Prayer Initiative

What happens when a congregation unites to pray collectively and consistently for God to break through in new and miraculous ways? A training event with this focus is scheduled for Saturday, February 25, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Westlake UMC. Contact the church office if you can join the Church of the Saviour team at this event.

## Invitation to Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast

Men of Church of the Savior, do you ever linger over the readings in church on Sunday mornings? Do you look them up later in the week and ponder over them? Perhaps you would like to spend an hour a week enjoying Bible study and fellowship. We would like to invite you to come join us to do just that! The Men's Prayer Breakfast group meets from 7 to 8 a.m. every Thursday morning in the Parlor to read and discuss the scriptures from the current week's Lectionary. We discuss, debate and reflect over a cup of coffee and a doughnut with a little humor tossed in. For more information, contact Jim Johnston at 216-321-4576. See you next week!

## Sunday Parent Conversations

On Sunday, February 26, from 11:00 a.m. until noon, we will begin a five-week Parent Conversation series on *Sticky Faith: Everyday Ideas to Build Lasting Faith in Your Kids*. Each session will include a video and discussion time and each is stand-alone, so come to as many as you can. While the adults meet in Room 64 in the children's area, children who have already attended Sunday school that morning are invited to supervised play next door in Room 68. Discussion leaders will be Renee Leonard and Pam Bowler.

## Save The Date! Vacation Bible School 2017

**What:** Vacation Bible School at Church of the Saviour

**When:** Monday through Thursday

June 19-22, 2017, 9:00 a.m. to noon

Registration Opens March 1 at [chsaviour.org](http://chsaviour.org)



## Church of the Saviour Co-Op Nursery School

Over the past several years, the Administrative Board has reviewed and evaluated the ministries supported by Church of the Saviour in terms of their alignment with our mission of "Bringing New Life to Greater Heights" based on the United Methodist Church's mission of "Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." After discernment and thoughtful discussion, the Administrative Board has elected to end Church of the Saviour's affiliation with the Cooperative Nursery School at the end of the 2016-2017 school year. Factors leading to this decision were, a lack of connection to the church's mission of making disciples, need of the space used by the Co-Op for programs and activities directly aligned with our mission, our substantial subsidization of the overall cost, and declining enrollment in the Co-Op. The Co-Op board has indicated to the church their intention to close at the conclusion of this academic year. We are thankful for the contributions that the Church of the Saviour Co-Op Nursery School has made to our community over its 60+ year history. Teachers, parents, children and grandchildren have fond memories of time spent together in the Co-Op. Please hold all Co-Op members and staff in your thoughts and prayers as they determine their next steps.

## Amanda Marshall Presenting Program at COTS On Combatting Human Trafficking

ALL, women and men, are invited to hear about **Combatting Human Trafficking with *Rahab's Rope in India***, a first-hand account presented by **Amanda Marshall**, wife of former COTS associate pastor, Erik Marshall, on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, in the church Parlor.

Come at 7 p.m. for light refreshments and fellowship. The talk, about this huge domestic and world-wide problem, will begin at 7:30 p.m. Reserve for child care by calling Debbie Jones: 216-382-5929.



## Theology in Film Friday, March 3, 7-9 p.m. in the Parlor

We are continuing our tribute to Paul Newman with **THE VERDICT** in which he plays one of his most memorable roles. Please meet us in the Parlor at 7 p.m. to watch and discuss this film.

Dick Meadows

## East Ohio Summer Camps

Summer camp is a recipe for satisfying the needs of our kids! They experience responsibility, cooperation, and living faith as part of a caring community of staff and children. Kids learn that they are the children of a God who loves them in a big way. In a world where it is hard to be a kid AND hard to be a parent, let East Ohio Camps be your family's partner in nurturing your child's love of Jesus and love of others. With hundreds of camps to choose from, you will find the right fit for your child. Sports, drama, water, horses, great places, great Experiences - check them out at [EOCSummerCamps.org](http://EOCSummerCamps.org).

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[www.chsaviour.org](http://www.chsaviour.org)

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**OUR CHURCH FAMILY'S  
BULLETIN BOARD**

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the **Barr family** on the recent passing of Jill's father, the **Griest family** on the recent passing of Shane's grandfather, the **Cox family** on the recent passing of Diethra's mother and the **Taylor family** on the recent passing of Bill's sister.

Congratulations to **Sonny and Trina Sawyer** on the birth of their daughter, Leia Winter Trinity Rose Sawyer.

**UPCOMING DEADLINES**

**Monday, March 13**  
Mid-Month digital reminder page

**Monday, March 20**  
April Chimes newsletter

Send all information to [chimes@chsaviour.org](mailto:chimes@chsaviour.org)

*Notes of Appreciation*

Dear friends,

Thank you for the lovely Recognition and Cake Reception that you gave me. So many of you signed the enormous "card" and sent me individual notes and email messages, all of which I appreciate so much. When I was hired for the Director of Music position at Church of the Saviour, Al and I moved from Texas and made Cleveland our home. I have given my all to the church and it has been a joy to see the music ministry expand, to see children grow up through the choirs, to know that hearts and minds have been brought closer to God. I was so moved by your gifts and overwhelmed by your generous love offering. I will miss you all and wish you God's blessing.

Sincerely,  
Judith Higbee



<sup>SM</sup> Loving God by loving others! Through Church of the Saviour's participation in the Souper Bowl of Caring we are donating 99 lbs of food and \$1109.51 to the Cory Hunger Center and the Heights Emergency Food Center!

Janice Cepulo and Pastor Carlton Smith, Executive Directors of Love Inc. shared their appreciation to Church of the Saviour for our ongoing support of this ministry. During 2016, Love Inc. served 2633 adults and children and gave \$240,000 in goods and services in addition to the 1000 coats distributed to those in need. Of this, Church of the Saviour referred 8 clients and utilized \$1372.00 in goods and services. Love Inc. is looking forward to our ongoing relationship and will be initiating new ministries in the coming year.