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Message From Staff Parish Relations

Staff Parish Relations Committee met on April 8 with District Superintendent, Dr. Steve Bailey, and in light of that meeting, we have two announcements to share.

First, concerning our associate pastor Reverend Dianne Tobey Covault, Dr. Bailey shared that an appointment has been secured for her. However, it will be a couple of weeks until we can announce that appointment and currently even Dianne does not know all of the details. Dr. Bailey was able to inform Dianne and SPRC that the appointment will involve a church that is close enough to her home to allow her children to stay in their current school district. This is truly an answer to prayer! Please bear with us until we can announce the full details of that appointment and celebrate with her.



Second, we are happy to share that Reverend Gregory Kendrick, Jr. will be appointed to be our next Associate Pastor at Church of the Saviour. That name may be familiar to you as Gregory preached here earlier this year. Gregory is originally from the west side of Chicago. He came to Ohio as he attended college at Denison University

where he studied political science, but discovered his call to ministry. After serving a year at Ohio Northern University doing multi-cultural recruitment, he attended and earned his Master of Divinity degree from the Methodist Theological School in Ohio.

Gregory has served four congregations prior to being appointed to serve here. He worked on the staff of Broad Street UMC in Columbus, Ohio - a church known for significant outreach in the downtown area. Next he served New Horizons UMC and the Hilltop Shalom Zone ministry on the west side of Columbus; followed by Clair UMC also in Columbus. Most recently Gregory has served as the Associate Pastor at The United Methodist Church for all People - a missional church founded by Reverend John Edgar.

Reverend Kendrick is an excellent match for our church as we strategize how to connect with our diverse neighbors in the eastern region of Cleveland. He has significant gifts and experiences in bringing people of faith into ministry with people who are currently outside of our walls. He is a thoughtful listener, a powerful preacher, and a gentle, deeply-grounded pastoral leader. Gregory is married to Rebecca and together they have two children: Caleb, who is 3 and Charis, who is 15 months old.

This appointment is a cooperative effort of Bishop Gregory Palmer and Bishop Tracy Malone and begins July 1. We are grateful and hopeful as we anticipate what Rev. Gregory Kendrick, Jr. will add to the unfolding story of our church!

Holy Moses!!!

VIVACE Musical Returns May 21

The VIVACE choir (grades 5-7) has a long-standing tradition of producing a musical each spring. This year will be no different! The musical "Holy Moses!" will be performed on May 21, at 9:30 a.m and 11:00 a.m. in Calvary Hall. Director Daren Stahl and musical director Shelley McKenzie are very excited to be working with such a dedicated group of youngsters. Come and learn how Moses' life shows us how to walk with God and follow His commands.

Open House Invitation

Mike and Judy Claycomb want to say thank you for providing them a lovely home. The Claycombs invite you to an Open House at the parsonage, 2620 Charney Rd., University Heights from 12 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 28. Come and go as your schedules permit, but please know all are welcome. If you can stay a while, bring a lawn chair and we'll hope for fair weather.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 7

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 "*With Glad and Generous Hearts*" (Acts 2:42-47) Holy Communion at all three services. Fourth Sunday in Easter

May 14

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. Judy Wismar Claycomb preaching "*Mommy, I'm Hungry*" (Luke 24:30-35) Fifth Sunday in Easter

May 21

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. Judy Wismar Claycomb preaching "*Teach Us To Pray*" (Luke 11:1-4) Sixth Sunday in Easter

May 28

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 "*What Are We Waiting For*" (Acts 1:1-11, John 17:1-3) Seventh Sunday in Easter

June 4 PENTECOST

Pentecost and Confirmation Worship at 8:30 a.m. in Myers Chapel and 10:30 in the Sanctuary. Mr. Curt Campbell preaching. Holy Communion at both services.



Along the Way...

Several people responded to the Easter message with their own experiences of "Jesus on the Loose." I want to invite you to share yours with us. The following blog written by Church of the Saviour's Helen Todd, tells her story of recognizing the living God showing up, alive and "on the loose." I find it conveys compellingly blessings of May and anticipated summer: of mothers, fathers, family, children, and God's unexpected encounters... along the Way. -Judy

My parents never took vacations when I was growing up because they never had the money. We took one vacation in 1979 where we hopped across the country staying with friends in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. I remember the Indiana Sand Dunes, Holland Michigan windmills, and tacos at Jim and Phyllis's house. So, I never knew what vacations were for. I definitely thought they were luxuries.

In 2003, we did all go to a cabin in Tennessee, me and Daren, Paul and Margaret and their kids Emily, Daniel and Karen (wanna get in the hot tub??) and Mom and Dad. Mom made muffins and Dad sat on a rocking chair on the porch. We didn't have kids yet. So we went horseback riding with Emily and Karen (wanna get in the hot tub??).

So fast forward ten years. Mom leaves behind a little bit of life insurance for me and Paul and I decide that we are going to go to Disney World. I told the girls that Grandma Barb left behind instructions for this special trip and that she gave us the trip to Disney World. It was on this trip that I realized at first what vacations are for.

Everywhere I turned, I felt Mom standing next to me as I stood in wonder at the things I saw. "Oh Mom, I wish you could see this." And she whispered "I'm here. I see it all." My heart burst with the joy I saw in my children's little faces. I said "thank you, Mom" over and over that week.

What I learned then and what I learned this week were that vacations are for falling deeper in love with your family, knowing them more deeply, seeing them more fully and giving thanks. My children and I are very close but these vacations give us space to stop everything else and go deeper. This is so important.

We took them to the ocean this week in Charleston. They had never seen the ocean. Julianna ran straight into the ocean, arms up with abandon, letting the waves crash on her as she tried to out jump them. Fearless. Dare Devil. Isabella ran after her sister, half wanting to be just as fearless but half trying to protect her if she went too far. Angel Sister. They are good swimmers but I am not and I was still worried. Daren stood guard even though he thought I was overreacting a bit. I reminded him that they don't have waves in Watseka. That's what Daren does. He stands guard. My rock. My protector. My silent warrior with the good laugh who never complains. Who always does what I ask. Always.

And there they all were on the edge of earth facing the ocean, one protecting and two running headfirst into LIFE.

Sometimes you learn the most about someone through tears. This is true from my girls. Isabella cried and cried because the lady took our picture on Ft. Sumter and we didn't buy it. She finally was able to articulate that she didn't really want the picture but she felt terrible that the lady had taken our picture and we rejected her work, we had not been appreciative of her by not buying it. She said she always wants people to feel appreciated!

I at first just thought Isabella was being a typical kid just asking me to buy something again. I told her I wanted to save the money and that Dad took great pictures. I didn't leave her to pout and sulk. I kept trying to understand the tears and THAT'S what I got! Wow, God! Who is this glorious child of God you sent me?

Be there. In that moment. God is giving you now. You might get it again. You might not.

By Helen Todd
March 30, 2017



For the past 10 years, Renee Leonard has faithfully served as director of children's ministries at Church of the Saviour. Earlier this spring, Renee informed the pastors, staff, Children's Ministries committee, and children's Sunday School class teachers that she would be ending her devoted and exemplary service in that position. God has a new path for her life. After continuing in her position through Easter, Renee has now moved on to her new employment. 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. We will have an opportunity to properly recognize and honor Renee's faithful service with a reception on May 7.

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.

East Cleveland Serving Day

The next East Cleveland Serving Day will be Saturday, May 13th. This Serving Day will be done in partnership with our friends at New Life Cathedral in East Cleveland.

We will gather at New Life Cathedral at 16200 Euclid Avenue at 8:00 a.m. for Worship and a continental breakfast. The service activities will take place from 9:00 to 12:00 followed by a deli luncheon at COTS. Service opportunities will include teams at Candlewood Nursing Home, East Cleveland Library/Cultural Center, Habitat for Humanity Restore, Neighborhood Clean-Up, library painting at New Life Cathedral, and diaper drive for St. Philomena's Pantry. More information and sign-up will be available on Sundays, April 30 and May 7. Come join in this all church event!

COTS to Host Panel on Opioid Addiction

Church of the Saviour is hosting a discussion about the Opioid epidemic in Cuyahoga County on May 17 at 7 p.m. The panelists include Thomas Gilson, Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner, Judge Joan Synenberg, Selina Dublin from Child and Family Services and Libbie Stansifer, MD from our congregation.

Our hope is that this discussion will illuminate ways that our congregation and community can reach those affected by this epidemic and also prevent its devastation of the individual, family, and community. Who should attend? All who have kids. All who have grandkids, All who are teachers. All who want to heal our community. All.

UMW Spring Flea Market 2017

The Spring Flea Market is coming up on May 5 and 6! The COTS United Methodist Women bi-annual flea market raises money for many missions and needs many volunteers to make this event a success. Please consider donating a couple hours of your time to this mission event. Volunteers are needed Monday through Thursday, any time between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. to sort and price donations. On Friday and Saturday, we need cashiers, lunch servers, greeters, floor monitors and clean-up crew. Volunteers who work at least 4 hours, can shop for 7 items at a pre-sale on Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can indicate that you plan to volunteer by signing up at www.chsaviour.org, in the church office, by sending an email to Mary Freer at cotsfleas@gmail.com or phone her at 216-242-6144. Donated items will be accepted from May 1 to May 3. Take linens, clothing, shoes and purses to Calvary Hall. All other donations to Great Hall.

Scholarship Opportunities

Calvary Scholarship

The Church of the Saviour Foundation annually awards Calvary Scholarships to members of the church who are working on an undergraduate degree. Applications are available at the welcome desks, in the church office, and on the church web site. **Firm application deadline is June 1.**

Margaret Knooihuizen Memorial Nursing Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of Margaret Knooihuizen, a member of Church of the Saviour who worked professionally in the nursing field. It was established in her memory as a scholarship to help others who are currently in, or entering, nursing programs. Scholarships range up to \$1,000 maximum. More information and application requirements are available on the church web site. **Application deadline is June 1.**

Cub Scout Pack 11 Plant Sale



Come support your local cub scouts while adding color to your yard and getting a jump start on your garden with tomatoes, vegetables and herbs! The sale will be held on the grassy lot directly across from the main parking lot from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. on May 20 & 21. Flowers include pansies, geraniums, lobelia, impatiens and more! Hanging baskets and potted arrangements are also available. The scouts will be on hand to help carry out your purchases during the UMW Flea Market and will take preorders for the plant sale at that time. Questions, contact Regina Jeffries at gand3boys@gmail.com or 216-536-3116.

Youth Mission Trip Prayer Partners & Stock Sales

On July 8-14, a team of youth and adults will head to Zanesville, Ohio to share Christ's love by working on the homes of people in need. God will work in us and through us and those we encounter. We pray that through these encounters each life will be changed – that each person will come to know God's love more and better. Working, singing, sharing, and playing for Jesus every minute of the day for a week is a huge blessing. We become more aware of Christ in our daily lives. We see Him in those we serve, each other, and ourselves.

However, those travelling to Zanesville are not the only participants. You can be a part of the team, too. We need your prayers. We need prayers that we will be tireless and humble servants and that we will effectively and intentionally communicate God's love. If you would like to be paired with an individual on the mission team – someone you can pray for purposefully each day. We expect to have around 75 youth and adults on the mission trip – we'd love to identify a prayer partner for each. Or you can choose to pray for the entire team as we prepare for and go on the trip.

You can also become a special participant by providing financial support through our "Stock Sale." If 75 people go on the trip, we'll need to raise \$8,600 to cover the cost of supplies, food, transportation and scholarships. In addition to the intangible benefits of helping make this mission possible, you will also receive a letter from one of the youth during the week, sharing his or her experience with you. Stock share donations can be \$20, \$50, \$100 or more or less – every dollar helps. We invite everyone, especially our "home" team to join us for the Ice Cream Social and Slide Show at 7:00 pm on Thursday, July 27

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www.chsaviour.org

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY'S BULLETIN BOARD

Heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of the following church members who have recently passed away, **Jeanne Farner** (April 7), **Mark Klimek** (April 9) and **Phyllis Brandon** (April 13).

Heartfelt condolences to **Jean Pinkney** and **Doris Marbley** on the recent passing of their brother-in-law, to **Patricia Deal** on the recent passing of her mother, to **Garnetta Russell** on the recent passing of her brother, to **Lois Bryant** on the recent passing of her son and to the **Bailey family** on the recent passing of Beth's step-father.

UPCOMING DEADLINES

Monday, May 15
Mid-Month digital reminder page

Monday, May 22
June Chimes newsletter
Send all information to chimes@chsaviour.org

Coming Events

East Cleveland Hospitality Outreach (ECHO)

Church of the Savior's ECHO group is scheduled to volunteer at Saint Philomena on Saturday, June 17th. Work assignments include sorting, packing, distribution, and hospitality. They are based on your abilities, preference, and the needs on any given day. Please let Mark or Linda Moore (markwmoore32@yahoo.com) know if you would be able to help so they can provide a count to the center managers. The facility is located in East Cleveland. Volunteers arrive at 9:30 a.m., and finish no later than 1:00 p.m. (It is not necessary to remain the entire time.)



Vacation Bible School at Church of the Saviour
Monday through Thursday, June 19-22, 9:00 a.m. to noon
Registration is open and filling quickly at www.chsaviour.org

Reformation & Celebration Tour

There is still time to join this tour led by **Dr. Charles & Barbara Yoost** from September 25 – October 8, 2017. You are invited to be part of this adventure that traces the steps of the Reformers and explores the ongoing progress of civilization. For more information or to sign up to join the tour, email Dr. Yoost at cdyoost@chsaviour.org or call him at 216-832-8408. Register by June 12 to avoid the late fee!



Theology in Film

ALL ABOUT EVE is one of the great American classics. It won a record six academy awards and is the only movie to have four women nominated for Oscars. The picture stars Bette Davis, Anne Baxter, George Sanders and Celeste Holm and an appearance by a then unknown Marilyn Monroe. Please join us in the parlor at 7:00 p.m. on May 5th to watch and discuss the movie. Dick Meadows