

# *Circuit Rider*

**Hello!**  
**Spring!**

APRIL 2022

# A NOTE FROM PASTOR JENN

Dear Church of the Saviour Family,

On March 20, at our Traditional service, we sang the hymn Trust and Obey.

As I was reading through the words of this hymn I was struck by the ending of the third verse...

What He says we will do,  
where He sends we will go;  
Never fear, only trust and obey.

I am writing this letter with full trust in my Lord and a willingness to obey the call. I have been asked to trust in my call, saying yes to Bishop Gregory V. Palmer who has appointed me to serve as the new District Superintendent of the Ohio River Valley District beginning July 1, 2022. A District Superintendent is an extension of the office of bishop, serving as the one who is to oversee the total ministry of the clergy and churches in the community of the district to which appointed. I am staying in the area but will no longer serve as Church of the Saviour's Senior Pastor, a position I have loved since 2014.

When I was ordained in 2006, I entered a covenant with all my other clergy colleagues; I will go where I am sent. I was not anticipating being "sent" anywhere this year, so I was taken back by the call from Bishop. I am humbled by the trust Bishop Palmer has in me to lead the churches and pastors of the Ohio River Valley and I will be honored to sit at the cabinet table.

My time here has been full. We have mourned together and laughed together. We have wrestled with the Word of God together finding God's vision and call for our individual lives and as a church. We have worshipped together, even stretching ourselves to be a church online, out on the front lawn and in our cars. You have all welcomed me into your family's lives and I have treasured each moment spent with you. Church of the Saviour is a church of passionate, spirit-filled, faithful followers of Jesus, and it has been a privilege to walk with you.

Please be in prayer for our Servant Leadership Board as they meet with District Superintendent Todd Anderson to reflect on the qualities desired in your next pastor. Begin to pray for your next senior pastor. The mission and ministry have not changed, and I know whoever fills the senior pastor chair next, will continue to move this church forward.

As I type these words, I am filled with many emotions. I am grateful that for the last 8 years I have been able to be your pastor and there is great sadness in saying goodbye. I will admit there is an element of fear and excitement about the new challenges ahead. Transitions can be vulnerable times in the lives of individuals and organizations. But I believe it is also a time during which God can do some of God's best work if we

will make ourselves available to whatever it is that God is up to in our midst.

I return to the hymn Trust and Obey where the first verse reads;

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,  
What a glory He sheds on our way!  
While we do His good will,  
He abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.

Church of the Saviour, I know you will continue to walk with Lord doing His good will. Know that my yes to being sent out to a new appointment does not change the love I have for each of you. You will continue to be in my heart because I have been changed by my life and ministry here.



Yours Truly,

Pastor Jenn Lucas

## PROJECT 5000



OUR BIGGEST PROJECT 5000 EVER!!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our Super Bowl Challenge and UMW Project 5000 Food Drive! Together we donated over \$7,500 PLUS 79 food bags amounting to over 1,500 lbs. of food. Our generous donations will benefit six local food pantries at York Street UMC, State Avenue UMC, Princeton Closet, Wesley Education Center, NEEDs and Blue Ash Backpack Bundles. A special thanks to all who volunteered to help collect and deliver food. It is truly a blessing to have a church community so passionate about serving those in need, especially during the pandemic. Blessings to you all!

# WELCOME TO OUR NEW SENIOR PASTOR

We are excited  
to welcome  
Meshach Kanyion  
as our new  
Senior Pastor!

Church of the SAVIOUR  
UNITED METHODIST



**Meshach Kanyion**  
SENIOR PASTOR

Meshach Kanyion is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church. He currently serves at Friendship UMC in Wyoming, OH, where he and his wife, Ashanti, live with their 5 children (Charlee, Sameera, Elias, Trinity and Gabriel).

Before entering pastoral ministry Meshach served in the United States Marine Corps reserve, while attending the Ohio State University. After graduating he began what he thought would be his life's long journey of becoming a fund manager, when he heard God's call to ministry. In response to this call he enrolled as a student at United Theological Seminary in 2008.

Since then he's been learning, teaching and preaching, about the Kingdom of God and seeking to help individuals and communities live in harmony with it. He now says his life's work is "to study and integrate the life and teaching of Jesus into my own life, and help others do the same."



Dear sisters and brothers at Church of the Saviour,

My family and I are grateful for the opportunity to come and join your community of faith. Your Servant Leadership Board and Pastor Jenn have been very welcoming and hospitable to us; they have also been very open in helping us understand what God is doing at Church of the Saviour, and where the current opportunities are. I look forward to meeting each of you, listening to and learning from you, and seeing how I can contribute to the ongoing work of God that is happening at Church of the Saviour.

In the meantime, you will be in my prayers during this transition. Please pray for us, and for Friendship as they are now going through the same process that you started a few weeks ago.

In Christ, your brother,

Meshach Kanyion

# JOIN US THIS LENTEN SEASON



## Lent Soup Dinners

All are welcome

Wednesday evenings @ 5:30-7:00 pm

*On April 6*

Come on in this Lent for dinner and share your journey of faith with your community. Jesus gathered around the table to share, heal, and love others. Our Lenten soup dinners are free and open to everyone to drop in and eat together.



## Like to cook? Be a volunteer?

We need YOU for our Lent Soup Dinner!

Sign up now to bring your favorite Chili or soup recipe to share. Make it at home and bring it in a crock pot. Can you put up tables or available later to be on our fun cleaning crew? All are welcome to serve.

To volunteer or sign up for soup, contact Pastor Vicki Robinson [vicki.robinson@cos-umc.org](mailto:vicki.robinson@cos-umc.org)

## Our Journey in Lent

Let's explore the 40 days of Lent together as a faith-filled journey. Lent is an intentional time or season for us to prepare our hearts, mind, body, and soul with the Lord. We will journey with Jesus as he reveals his love for us in his ministry, death, and resurrection. May Christ transform our Lent journey to draw us closer to both God and one another.



## FOLLOW your Lent Prayer Journey Map:

Make a personal commitment to a weekly Lent prayer journey. Your weekly email map will guide you through soul searching questions from Sunday worship, prayerful ideas, and connection points to meet others

along your faith journey.

## WALK the Stations of the Cross: Come

to Church of the Saviour and prayerfully

experience the Stations of the Cross

spiritually expressed by visual artist,

Scott Erikson ([https://](https://www.scottericksonart.com)

[www.scottericksonart.com](https://www.scottericksonart.com)). Come as a

group, family or individual and follow along the described journey of Jesus to the cross.



## GATHER for Lenten Soup Dinners

Wednesday evenings @ 5:30 pm-7 pm on April 6.

Drop in to nourish and share your journey together. Jesus gathered around the table to share, heal, and love others. Our Lenten soup dinners are free and open to everyone to drop in and eat together. Interested in volunteering or make your favorite soup or chili? Contact Pastor Vicki Robinson at [vicki.robinson@cos-umc.org](mailto:vicki.robinson@cos-umc.org) to volunteer today!

## ENGAGE in our Online Journey Group: Do you love worshipping



online? Want to meet others worshipping online to grow in your faith together? Be part of our pilot online journey group. You are invited to our innovative online small group platform and explore how we can connect and journey through our faith together online!

To join contact Pastor Vicki Robinson at [vicki.robinson@cos-umc.org](mailto:vicki.robinson@cos-umc.org)

Got questions? Want to volunteer in adult ministries? Contact Pastor Vicki Robinson at [vicki.robinson@cos-umc.org](mailto:vicki.robinson@cos-umc.org).

# HOLY WEEK

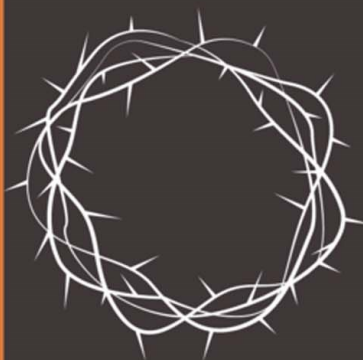
## HOLY WEEK



**Palm  
Sunday**  
*April 10*



**Maundy  
Thursday**  
*April 14*



**Good  
Friday**  
*April 15*



**Easter  
Sunday**  
*April 17*

As a congregation, our journey through Lent culminates with Holy Week. Witnessing Christ's sacrifice for those who follow Him can be emotionally difficult. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday worship services reveal the depth of Christ's love and mercy for us. The weight of Christ's sacrifice gives way to the joy of new life through resurrection on Easter morning. Set aside other distractions and make your way to our sanctuary as we worship together (livestream is available for those unable to join us in-person).

### **April 10, 2022 | Palm Sunday**

Palm Sunday is the Christian holiday that occurs on the Sunday before Easter. This celebration commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, mentioned in each of the four Gospels.

Jesus entered the city knowing He would be tried and crucified and welcomed His fate to rise from the grave and save us from sin! Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the remembrance of Jesus' last days to the cross.

### **April 14, 2022 - 7:00 pm | In Person and Online**

On the Thursday before Good Friday and Easter, we observe Maundy Thursday. This day commemorates Jesus's last supper with his disciples. During that meal in the upper room, Jesus washed his disciples' feet and gave them a new commandment: "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (John 13:34).

### **April 15, 2022 - 7:00 pm | In Person and Online**

Good Friday is one of the most important days in the Holy Week, which begins on Palm Sunday and ends on Easter Sunday. In short, Good Friday marks the crucifixion and dying of Christ. On this day, we reflect upon Christ's sacrifice for our sins.

### **April 17, 2022 | In Person and Online**

*Celebrate the Risen Christ with us!*

8:00 am - Outdoor Worship

9:30 am - Contemporary Indoor and Online

11:00 am - Traditional and Online

# WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



**Neeraj Edward:** Neeraj grew up in the Chicago suburbs than moved to Ohio for school. He did an anesthesia residency in Cincinnati and began his career there. He enjoys travelling with his wife Rachel, and reading.

They are excited to welcome their new baby boy this spring! He is hoping to get involved in the Music Ministry! Join us in welcoming Neeraj to Church of the Saviour.



**Rachel Edward:** Rachel grew up in Bellefontaine, Ohio and went to Otterbein University and got her undergrad in Music Education. She taught music in Columbus for 12 years before moving to Cincinnati when she married her husband Neeraj. She recently completed a Masters in Behavior Analysis at UC. Rachel

enjoys knitting / crocheting, reading, walking and music. She helped raise her 10 year old niece and she and Neeraj are expecting their first child in May 2022.

Rachel is currently involved in Music Ministry at Church of the Saviour. She participates in Covenant Choir and directs the Kids Choir (1-3), Kids Ringers (2-3) as well as a weekly bible study! We're glad to have you Rachel!



**Maddie Shiparski:** Maddie grew up in Findlay, Ohio and attended DePaul University for both her undergraduate and graduate degrees. She is now in Cincinnati and works for Kroger in their technology department. Maddie likes to bake, read, and spend time with her dog, Pepper. She is also an avid

theme park enthusiast and can't wait to spend time at Kings Island this summer! She is involved in Children's Ministry, Young Adults Small Group, Multimedia and a Lent Contemplative Group. Welcome to Church of the Saviour, Maddie!



**Michelle Shiparski:** Michelle was born and raised in Northwest Ohio. She graduated from Bowling Green State University with a degree in teaching. Michelle likes to travel with her family—especially where it is warm and sunny. Since moving to Cincinnati, she has enjoyed exploring the area and trying new restaurants. Michelle is on staff as

our Director of Children's Ministry, and is involved in the United Methodist Women. She's looking forward to getting involved in other areas as the opportunities arrive!



**Steve Shiparski:** Steve was born in the Chicago area, and went to college at University of Dayton (Go Flyers!). He enjoys working out and riding his bike. Steve likes to seek new experiences and locations, and work on home

improvements. He is a Site Manager for DuBois Chemicals in Sharonville. He and Michelle have three kids, Blake (27), Maddie (25) and Zoe (22). Steve is involved in Children's Ministry and the Worship Tech Team. He is planning to get involved in the Prayer Team. Congrats on joining Church of the Saviour, Steve!



**Susan Tate:** Susan grew up in Beckley, WV and started attending a United Methodist Church at 5 years old. She is a retired CPA and spent most of her career in higher education, culminating as a VP of Business and Finance at Capital University, followed by a short

stint as CFO at the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption. She has one son and two grandsons and lives with her life partner, Chris Martin in Liberty Township. Susan has served on the boards of the United Methodist Foundation of West Virginia and the Heart of the City Foundation. She is currently a member of the Ohio Higher Education Facilities Commission. Susan is involved in Covenant Choir, Suzanna Wesley Women in Mission and the Adventurers. Welcome to Church of the Saviour, Susan!

# KIDS CORNER

- April 3 Sunday school for children 3 years old – 6th grade at 9:30 am  
**Kids Choir (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>)** sings at 11:00 am
- April 6 Kids choirs & bells at 6:00 pm
- April 9 **Rise Up with Jesus** Easter Event, 9:00-11:00 am
- April 10 **Palm Sunday** Sunday school for children 3 years old – 6th grade at 9:30 am  
**Kids Ringers (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>)** plays at 9:30 am  
**Kids Choir (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>)** sings at 11:00 am  
**456 @ 5p** in Youth Room, Dinner at 6:00 pm
- April 17 **EASTER Sunday (No Sunday School)**  
 Outdoor worship at 8:00 am  
 Contemporary worship at 9:30 am  
 Traditional worship at 11:00 am
- April 24 **Confirmation Sunday/All-in Sunday** (No Sunday school)



**456:** This month's **456** gatherings are on April 10 and April 24 at 5:00 pm in the Youth Room. Team-building activities, games, faith talks, and fun are on the schedule. After each 456 this month, the kids are invited to stay for dinner with the MS/HS Youth in the Fellowship Hall from 6p-6:30p. [Register your preteen here.](#)

**An Easter Event for Families.** You're invited to join us for high-flying Easter fun at **Rise Up with Jesus!** This Easter event will send your spirits soaring as you travel through the engaging stations and discover more about Jesus and Easter. You'll experience games, activities, crafts, and more in this adventure for the entire family. Come and see that Jesus is alive! [Register your family here.](#)



**Confirmation & All-in Sunday on April 24.** **All-in Sunday** is a Sunday designed for families of all ages and stages to experience worship together. On this Sunday we will be incorporating a *prayerground* for families with young children to utilize. A *prayerground* is a designated place in the front of the sanctuary where young children can experience worship through

age-appropriate worship materials that will help them engage in what is happening. It is a space that says, "children are welcome here."



**Make Waves VBS June 27 – June 30, 6:00-8:00 pm.** This summer's in-person evening VBS is sure to make a splash with both kids & adults! Each evening kids will get to engage in fun & meaningful worship with music in our large group opening & closing, and then they'll rotate through hands-on stations including arts & crafts, games, and Bible stories. If you have a child 3 years old-6<sup>th</sup> grade that would like to participate, you can [register them here.](#)

**Make Waves VBS Volunteers.** As with all amazing VBS experiences, it takes a team of volunteers to create & execute the plan. If you are interested in serving in a volunteer role the week of VBS, please check out our [Sign Up Genius link with additional details.](#)

**Nurturing New Parents.** Are you expecting a baby, or did you recently gain a new member to your family, either by birth or adoption? During this important and precious transition in a family, we as a church want to support parents through their journey. **Nurturing New Parents Ministry** aims to serve new parents within the church. If you are a new parent, whether this is your 1st baby or 2nd or 5th, get connected by contacting the church at (513) 791-3142.



**Pennies with a Purpose.** When a child is baptized at Church of the Saviour, one of the gifts we give the family is a jar of **936 pennies**. Why? Each penny represents the approximate number of weeks from the time a child is born until they graduate, and the pennies are reminder to be intentional with the time parents have. Pennies are donated by members of our congregation as a symbol of the investment our church family is making to partner with parents on this journey. **Want to donate your pennies?** Stop by the office & drop them off!



## April

- 3 – Youth Group
- 10 – Youth Group
- 17 – NO YOUTH (Easter Weekend)
- 22-23 – High School Lock-In
- 24 – Youth Group
- 24 – Confirmation Sunday

## May

- 1 – Youth Group
- 8 – NO YOUTH (Mother's Day)
- 15 – Youth Group
- 22 – Graduation Sunday
- 29 – NO YOUTH (Holiday Weekend)

## Weekly Youth Update

Each Tuesday, our Youth Pastor, Jayk, sends out an email update with all the information you want to know about upcoming events & ministry opportunities for students in grades 7-12. If you would like to register for this email distribution, please email our Youth Pastor, Jayk, at [jayk.hinze@cos-umc.org](mailto:jayk.hinze@cos-umc.org)



### Sunday Evening Youth Group

All students in grades 7-12 are invited to join us every Sunday evening this fall for the following schedule of Youth Ministry events:

- 6:00-6:30pm – Dinner in the Gym (combined grades 7-12)
- 6:30-7:00pm – Youth Worship (combined grades 7-12)
- 7:00-8:00pm – Youth Group (separate grades 7-8; 9-12)



### High School Lock-In

On Friday, April 22nd, all high school students (grades 9-12) are invited to a fun-filled overnight event at the church building. We will begin our evening at 8pm with a meal followed by games, midnight snacks, and a few special surprises you won't want to miss! We will be together all night until students are released at 7am the following morning. Mark your calendars now & invite your friends to join us for this exciting event!

### Confirmation Sunday

On Sunday, April 24th, our congregation will celebrate our 2022 Confirmation Class as they become official members of our church family during the 11am service. Please continue to pray for our 9 students in the meantime as they continue their Confirmation journey this Spring.



### Graduation Sunday

On Sunday, May 22nd, we will recognize the graduating class of 2022 and celebrate this momentous occasion in their lives. Please continue to pray for our 16 high school seniors as they conclude this chapter of their lives in the coming months.

### Youth Summer Mission Trip

This summer all students in grades 7-12 are invited to join us for a week-long mission trip to Louisiana where we will partner with some local churches to do hurricane-relief work in their community. We will leave Cincinnati on Saturday, July 9th and we will return from our trip on the following Sunday, July 17th. Stay tuned for more information about registration & additional trip details, but please reach out to our Youth Pastor, Jayk Hinze, if you have more questions!

# MUSIC MINISTRY



## KIDS MUSIC MINISTRY PRESENTS "iAM"

On May 1 at 5:00 pm, the Kids Music Ministry presents "iAM: the Real-Life App for All." We live in a world of smartphones, tablets, apps and games, but the same God who spoke to Moses from a burning bush still wants to communicate with us today! In fact, with all of our distractions and entertainment, the most exciting thing in life is getting to know the God who made us. Join super app-designer Solomon and the amazing creative team at the App Factory, where you not only play the games, but you get into the game, and discover the real life app for all that! See you on May 1!

## PRAY FOR YOUTH CHOIR TOUR

Prayer brings blessings to believers. In anticipation of the 2022 "Alive" Youth Choir Tour, place this list of congregations and ministries in view for your prayer time. Positive ways that you can offer prayer include the hearts of those who will hear the message that our youth bring through music, the work of the Holy Spirit around our interactions with mission sites, and the impact that transformation will have on our congregation for months after the tour returns. Continually pray for:

Cross of Grace Lutheran Church (New Palestine, IN)  
Grace UMC (Franklin, IN)  
Otterbein Retirement Community (Franklin, IN)  
First UMC (Downers Grove, IL)  
Country Side Christian Church (Winchester, IN)  
Gleaners Food Bank (Indianapolis, IN)



## CHURCH-WIDE BARBEQUE DINNER

On June 12, you are invited to a church-wide barbeque dinner to celebrate the Youth Choir Tour Homecoming Concert. Dinner is served from 5:00-6:30 pm followed by the concert at 6:30 pm. The Music Ministry sponsors this event and welcomes everyone to share in the extraordinary youth music program. All are welcome!

## GUEST YOUTH CHOIR CONCERT

God's Light Youth Choir from First UMC-Smyrna, GA comes to Church of the Saviour on **Friday, June 3 at 7:00 pm**. Cincinnati is the first stop on their 2022 choir tour, and they present a concert to uplift and encourage us through Christian music and testimony. It is our chance to return the favor because Smyrna First UMC has welcomed our own youth choir on two occasions. Help welcome our guests and hear their message.





# Finance UPDATES

## March Finance report to congregation

Below is our current two-month financial status report. Church of the Saviour is off to a solid start for 2022. It is still however, very early in the year with some unknowns from inflation, potential increased benefit costs, and potential moving costs for a new pastor. The Finance Committee monitors monthly how we are tracking on income and expenses, staying prepared to alter course if necessary.

Trustees and Finance Committee have built up a reserve fund of \$210,000 for the roof replacement expected in 2023 or 24. This amount is a little more than half of the expected cost, so we have some more to do to prepare for that work. Within the Trustee budget for this year are other project provisions for ongoing needs including a sprinkler system for all the required landscaping on our west property line, and the recently completed major electrical repair to our main building. The leadership is working together to maintain our facilities.

We have been working since last June to rapidly pay down the construction loan balance while managing our cash on hand. About \$400,000 has been paid down leaving a current balance of just under \$200,000 on this, our only debt. We expect to pay off the balance over the next year. In a perfect, non-covid world, this would have been erased sooner.

Our 2020 audit was completed and the 2021 audit is underway by Flynn and Company. The West Ohio Conference requires an annual audit of churches in our size category. Our regular bookkeeping duties are handled by the Provisium Group, a non-profit focused accounting company. Our COS treasurer watches over the details to make sure all is coordinated properly.

## Church of the Saviour Finance Committee

Church of the Savior Financial Report for Servant Leadership Board Tuesday, March 8, 2022										
Income vs. Expense	January					February				
	Actual		Budget		% of Budget	Actual		Budget	% of Budget	
Income										
Tithes & Offerings	\$	195,273.34	\$	121,041.84	161.33%	\$	82,868.35	\$	121,041.84	68.46%
Other Income	\$	408.77	\$	207.50	197.00%	\$	213.44	\$	207.50	102.86%
Total Income	\$	195,682.11	\$	121,249.34	161.39%	\$	83,081.79	\$	121,249.34	
Total Expenses	\$	101,273.94	\$	121,317.12	83.48%	\$	90,158.18	\$	121,240.62	74.36%
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$	94,408.17	\$	(67.78)	-139286.18%	\$	(7,076.39)	\$	8.72	-81151.26%
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# Happy Retirement!

## Janet Size is set to retire!



On March 31, Janet Size, retired from Church of the Saviour after 10 years of dedicated service to our congregation. Janet was hired in October of 2012 as our front office secretary. She was the first voice you heard when you called into the office or the friendly face that greeted you when you walked through the office doors. Over the years, Janet's job evolved, with her last shift from front office to membership and contributions secretary. No matter the job title, Janet faithfully and with excellence served the staff, congregation, and her church

While the office at Church of the Saviour won't be the same without Janet's joy, kindness, and love of people, we know she, and her family will still be a constant presence in the life of the church community.

Please join us in wishing Janet well as she begins this new chapter...we know much travel and adventures are ahead.

## Thank you for everything, Janet!



## Tri-State Amputee Support Group Celebrates 23 Years

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." – Matthew 11:28-30

By: Pastor Vicki Robinson

The laughter and smiles overflowed on our Peace House meeting room as I joined the Tri-State Amputee Support Group on the 2nd Thursday of March. Around the table, each blessed person shared their joy, hope in the face of despair, and an occasional hilarious one liner. Authentic relationships leaning on one another in loving compassion and care.

I was blessed to be invited and offer a blessing to this uplifting and encouraging support group by their inspiring longtime leader, Louis Beckman. Originally formed by Richard Friend and his wife and caregiver Sandy, The Tri-State Amputee Group has been meeting for 23 years at Church of the Saviour. In March 1999, Richard was interviewed in a newspaper article as an invitation to the new support group. He shared, "You're very much on your own and you just have to make this stuff up as you go. The goal of our amputee support group is to share every day, practical information with other amputees."

What started out as a practical and simple goal has transformed into a group of both amputees and their partners sharing life's learnings, highs and lows, and new medical advancements all while shining hope and love in our community. I was humbled by the honesty of daily life, perseverance in the face of unexplainable tragedy and trauma, and constant desire to give back to the extended community. Their lives and relationships live out the words shared by Jesus with his disciples that when we come together, lean on one another, Christ lightens our burden and opens our hearts.

Please join me in prayers of gratitude for the Tri-State Amputee Support Group as they continue their important work in our community. May we lean on their witness of how to be present to one another in the highs and lows of life. May we open our hearts and minds to see how all creation can be a beacon of hope and love in our community. Amen.

## Sign up Now!

MAY is Mental Health Awareness Month

Be part of the Movement and Moment!  
NAMIWalks Your Way

Saturday, May 14

Sawyer Point, Cincinnati Ohio

Doors are opening in the mental health world as they never have before, and Church of the Saviour

UMC is standing at the threshold through our Peace House Ministries! We are standing with our NAMI of Southwest Ohio partner, by forming a team and participating in NAMIWalks your Way on Saturday, May 14.

This is your opportunity to be part of a movement and a moment! With every step we take as a team, we are raising awareness, funds and community—at a time when they are needed most. We can take pride in raising awareness for those who have experienced mental illness. In fact, 1 in 3 people now report symptoms of anxiety and depression in the U.S.

By joining the walk and being a sponsor, we are joining with NAMI in:

Promoting public awareness of mental health to reduce stigma

Raising funds for NAMI's free, top rated mental health programs

Building community and let people know we're in this together.

All ages and abilities are invited to our NAMIWalks Your Way team! For you and your friends or family to join the team, register at our Church of the Saviour UMC Team Page <https://www.namiwalks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donordrive.team&teamID=48486>

Unable to make the walk on the morning of May 14? Sponsor our team by visiting the team support page: <https://www.namiwalks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donordrive.team&teamID=48486>

Let's make a commitment to mental health this May! We are thrilled to be joining the NAMIWalks Your Way, a vibrant gathering where inspiration and God's love and acceptance will shine on all of us.

For questions and contact Pastor Vicki Robinson ([vicki.robinson@cos-umc.org](mailto:vicki.robinson@cos-umc.org))





*Christ caring for people through people*

# STEPHEN MINISTRY

## Stephen Ministers: A Heart for the Hurting

We all go through tough times in life. Times that are turbulent and unsettling. In the midst of these challenging seasons, it can be extremely helpful to have someone come alongside us to have understanding and encouragement – to provide stability, hope, and Biblical principles to help us through the storm. That is what a Stephen Minister is able to provide: a listening ear, a supportive perspective, and God's Word to help us through the challenges in life.

### Who Are Stephen Ministers?

At COS, we have compassionate individuals who are trained to help us when we encounter loss, grief, relationship challenges, and a myriad of things that can throw our lives into a tailspin. These Stephen Ministers are not professional counselors. They are not "know-it-alls". They are not individuals who try to fix everyone's troubles. They simply provide love, care, and support when we need it most. A Stephen Minister is a caring individual who can help us navigate our present situation. Perhaps you, a friend, or a family member would benefit from this kind of help and support. If so, a Stephen Minister may be just what is needed.

### Becoming a Stephen Minister

For those who want to come alongside and support others in a more intentional way, we provide training to become a Stephen Minister. Through 50 hours of training, you will receive practical, hands-on learning and resources to provide Christ-

centered care and meet the emotional and spiritual needs of others. You will use the skills you learn not only in your caring ministry but also in your relationships with family, friends, and coworkers. You will always be helped and supported in your ministry by our team of Stephen Ministers, who will help you grow as you help others.

**If you know of someone, or you personally feel that you might benefit from a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Vicki Robinson (791-3142 Ex 26) or Mary Hoover (513-702-5642).**

## Builder's EVENT

Who are the Builders? The Builders are COS adults who want to deepen their church community relationships by doing life together. Come see

what the fuss is all about. You just might find friends who become family.

**Sunday, April 10 at 7:30 pm**

Bro-Union is at Higher Gravity Bar (Summit Park).

Many thanks with love and appreciation to everyone who prayed for my healing, provided meals for my family, sent cards, get well wishes, and offers of help. It was all very much appreciated. I look forward to being able to pay it forward.

*Joyce Spreckelmeier*

*Thank You!*

## CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR STAFF

**HAVE A QUESTION? NEED HELP WITH SOMETHING?  
KNOW WHO TO ASK—CONTACT ANY STAFF MEMBER AT ANY TIME!**

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# ADVENTURERS



Who are the Adventurers? The mission of this group is to offer several outreach fellowship programs that are not age restricted but are geared to all Baby Boomers, Empty Nesters, and Seniors (or those who will admit to being one). There is no membership – you are invited to come whenever and to whatever tickles your interest or imagination – and it's a great way to meet other Church of the Saviour folks.



**COS Day Trip to the Columbus National Veterans Museum** and more, Wednesday, April 6th. For those who have signed up we will be traveling by bus/Limousine leaving from COS promptly at 8am and returning about 5pm.



**FC Cincinnati Soccer Game**, Saturday, May 21st at 6pm. I have group rate seats for COS. If you would like to go, send a check made out to 'COS' for \$34 per ticket to Jane Kieninger, 211 Legacy, Lane, Cincinnati, OH. Deadline for sign up is May 1st but seats are limited so send your check now to reserve your seat. We will carpool from COS at 5pm. They will be playing New England.. Bring a friend if you would like. Questions? Email Jane at [jkieninger@a.com](mailto:jkieninger@a.com) or 513 489 6022.

**COS on the Go AGAIN!** Christmas Time in the Smokies, 4 day 3 night motorcoach tour, Monday November 7th through Thursday, Nov 10.

Mark your calendar now – Cost and brochure to follow in March.

Trip includes:

- 3 nights lodging, 3 Breakfasts, 3 dinners
- 4 fabulous Christmas shows including Dolly Parton's Stampede Dinner Show
- time to explore Dollywood



- Guided tour of the Great Smoky Mountains
- and more

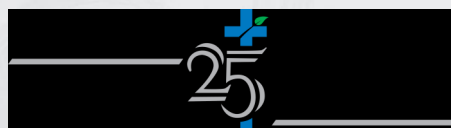
This is another White Star Tour.

## UPCOMING – Other activities that you might enjoy (all ages):



**Bridge Group** – We are now meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, We welcome any new members who would like to join us. We meet in the Library at the church at 12:45 pm. Please enter through the sanctuary doors. For more information, call Connie Johnson at 513-469-7774 or Nora Moushey at 513-307-5942. Questions can be addressed to Connie Johnson at 513-469-7774 ([cjfhjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:cjfhjohnson@gmail.com)) or Nora Moushey at 513-307-5942 ([noramoushey@cinci.rr.com](mailto:noramoushey@cinci.rr.com))

**Men's Lunch Group** – Every Tuesday at 11:30 – 1pm in room 119. Bring a sack lunch. Share stories, views of current events and explore almost any topic. Some weeks we have a video study or book study. All men are welcome. If you are interested just show up. Call Ed at 513-891-4564 for questions. Enter through the sanctuary door 15 minute or later before 11:30.. No reservations are required.



**Matthew 25 Mission Opportunity** This COS mission will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month (with a couple

of exceptions) from 9:00 to 11:30 at Matthew 25, 11060 Kenwood Road. Matthew 25 is an international humanitarian aid and disaster relief organization. Typical jobs could involve sorting clothes, or pill bottles or hospital supplies to send to needy areas in the USA and abroad. Come and see how fun and fulfilling service can be! We meet at Matthew 25 at 9, then lunch together afterwards (optional). Group coordinator is Leslie Bricker. Please sign up by contacting her at [mobricker@msn.com](mailto:mobricker@msn.com) or 513 410 2267. Please contact Leslie for the next date (there have been COVID cancelations).

# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



## Spring Fundraiser – Denny McKeown's Bloomin Garden Center

Thinking of what to plant in your yard or empty balcony flowerpots? Looks like the Lord is giving us another beautiful early Spring again this year. Maybe you like to communicate with Him in His beautiful world by digging in the dirt to plant something for Him, and watching it grow even if it's just herbs on your balcony or windowsill. Maybe you just need to update your yard or maybe you need some ideas for gift cards for all those upcoming Spring gift giving occasions such as Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduations, teacher appreciations thank you gifts, etc.

This is a great opportunity to support your Church of The Saviour United Methodist Women's Spring Gardening Fundraiser thru Denny McKeown's Bloomin Garden Center beginning on Saturday, April 16 and continuing through May 8 which is Mother's Day. There is no cost to you other than what you would be spending anyway, and Bloomin donates 10% of total sales to us which is used to support local and global missions, and all the other good things UMW do to help others. We appreciate your support.

Contact: Joyce Spreckelmeier, 513-891-1434, C-513-470-1962

## SMALL MISSION GROUPS



### TUESDAY: 3rd Tuesday Morning Hannah

Contact: Euphazine Reid-Kendall (678) 857-8362 / ereidk@msn.com, Dorothy Stadelmann (513)800-8365 / dorothy.stadelmann@cos-umc.org or Pam Senefeld (513) 314-5042 / maxmuir1@aol.com for more information.

**APRIL MEETING:** April 19, 2022, 10am to 12 at Swaim Park, 7650 Cooper Road. Join us as we learn about the Ubuntu Philosophy. All are welcome. If weather is raining or cold, we will meet in the church parlor.

### TUESDAY: Susanna Wesley Women in Mission

Leader: Sandy King, (513) 260-4717

**APRIL MEETING:** Tuesday, April 5 at 6:00PM in the Youth Lounge. Join us for a light potluck dinner as we assemble Easter bags for the residents of Cooper's Trace Care and Rehabilitation Center.

### WEDNESDAY: Lydia Needlecrafters (1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month)

Leader: Donna Steinmetz, (513)-563-7144

**APRIL MEETING:** April 6 & 20 at 5:30pm on Zoom and in the Church Parlor.

Lydia Needlecrafters provides Prayer Shawls to anyone in need of God's blessings as they go through difficult times, including illness, surgery, or suffering one of life's many complicated situations. We knit Baby Blankets and Hats for new babies. Prayer Squares are available to be distributed to a group of people. To obtain a prayer

shawl, baby blanket, or prayer squares for anyone in need of God's blessings and warmth call Donna Steinmetz (513-563-7144), call or text Pam Senefeld (513-314-5042), email Bonnie Nesbit (bonniepnesbitt@hotmail.com), or contact Pastor Vicki at church.

## Mothers and Daughters Group

Leader: Pam Senefeld, (513) 314-5042 / maxmuir@aol.com

**APRIL MEETING:** Join us in a family centered activity to honor Earth Day. We will gather during the last weekend of the month. More details to follow.

## CHILDREN'S CLOSET

The Children's Closet is collecting items for Jack's Closet this month. A ministry of Clough United Methodist Church, Jack's Closet provides free clothing to children in foster or kinship care. Often these children enter a home with little or nothing, so the mission is a tremendous help to the families.



**NEEDS INCLUDE:** diapers of all sizes, new underwear, socks for kids up to youth sizes 18-20, clean used clothes and shoes. UMW thanks you for your generosity. We will continue to accept in kind donations for other groups too. Contact Jean Feldmeyer jean.feldmeyer@yahoo.com if you have questions.

## OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR UMW MISSION



Support our UMW fundraising by joining this Kroger program. Go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and type **XL812** in the search box for the organization you wish to benefit. For more information contact Melody Overton (513) 446-5651 / signof4@msn.com. UMW donates all monies received to charities benefiting women and children.

## Leadership Position is Open!

The UMW is seeking a Vice President and Chair of Nominations. Job Descriptions are available if you are interested in supporting our mission in this way. Please reach out to Leah Hondorf (513)304-5224 / [lhondorf@yahoo.com](mailto:lhondorf@yahoo.com). We would enjoy exploring these leadership roles on the UMW Board!

SAVE THE DATE for **Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> 12:15p to 2p**. Join us for a potluck lunch as we learn more about mental health and how we can come together as a community to support each other. All are welcome!

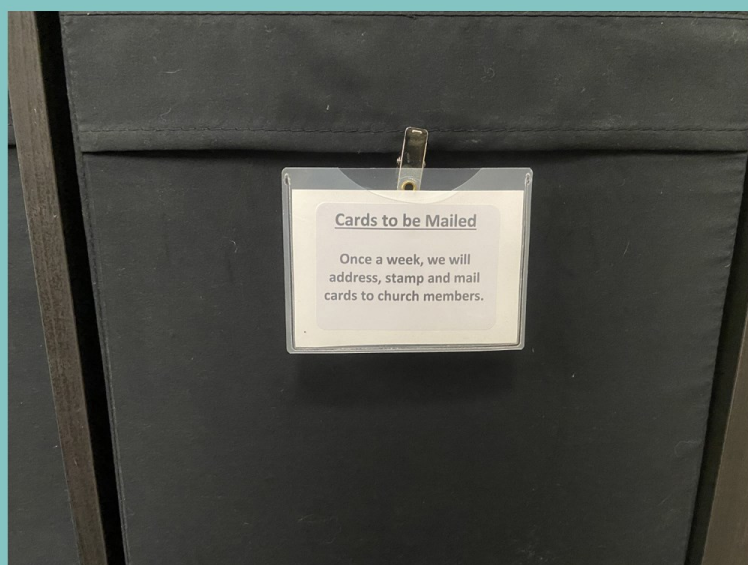
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# APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/1	Elyse deHamel Barb Sims Tina Wessinger	4/7	Craig Brown Jessica MacDonald Walker Motley	4/16	Lennox Rouse Lowell Sanker Charlotte Coggins	4/25	Jeff Petach Nick Van Horn Carrie Clore
4/2	Ian Kahl Olivia Swancer		Emily Sweeney Samuel Yuhas		Dan Millisor Aimee Pratt		RJ Clore Karen Kruse
4/3	Paxton Haynam Chloe Johnson Jason Rowland	4/8	Katy Bodenbug Troy Lucas Pam Senefeld	4/18	Michael Swancer Russell Woeste Katherine Rapp		Chloe MacDonald Colleen Neumann Emma Van Horn
4/4	Carrie Feldmeyer Sandy Hess Julie Locke Kim Mott Helen Nelson Yahshua Ocho	4/9	Jenny Motley Dom Travis	4/19	Sharon Smith Emma Galyon Dave Ranochak Jim Volz	4/26	Susan Ashcraft Laura Conner Rachel Edward Topher Gould
4/5	Mary Ann Bell Madison Boni Doug Duwel Kevin Fahey Alice Merckel	4/10	Kylee Koosman Kathy Thorpe	4/20	Doug Bell David Taylor Violet Vanover	4/27	Eli Corattiyil Dean Norton
		4/11	Michelle Day Grace Jobe Laurel McClure	4/21	Jenson Mahoney	4/28	Drew Hutzelman Tom Kelly
		4/12	Penny Degenhardt	4/22	Sarah Davis Anita McMillan Oliver Sadler	4/29	Max Banke Jaden Petach
4/6	Evan Glader Anne Juenger Lakshmi Karthik Dan King Isaac Martin	4/13	Emma Schultz Sarah Smith		Erin Shuholm Rhys Young	4/30	Lily Banke Anna Gohr Ellory McClure Abel Tyler Linda Wilbers
		4/14	Sarah Fulton Risi Jobe Jannelle Moore	4/23	Catherine Miller		
		4/15	Andy Brooks Whitney Philpott	4/24	Matthew Isakson		

Want to mail a card to a church member, but don't have their address? Drop it off in our Mail Drop and we'll do the rest!

**Mail Drop is located in the  
Collection Center by the Main Office!**



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