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RETURN OF THE CIRCUIT RIDER

We are excited to send to you our first revised version of the Circuit Rider. What is the Circuit Rider? For Church of the Saviour, it is our monthly newsletter where we can share more in depth articles, information and pictures with our growing congregation. The Circuit Rider is to help you connect and be aware of all the ministries happening within the life of the church.

Circuit Rider, is a phrase connected to our history as Methodists. In the early days of the Methodist movement, a circuit was made up of two or more local churches (sometimes referred to as societies). In American Methodism, circuits were sometimes referred to as a "charge." A pastor would be appointed to the charge by his bishop. During the course of a year, the pastor was expected to visit each church on the charge at least once, and possibly start some new ones. The traveling preachers responsible for caring for these societies, or local churches and stations, became known as circuitriders.

We welcome back our Circuit Rider Monthly Newsletter, one of our many ways of caring for, sharing information, and getting out the mission of Church of the Saviour.

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR STAFF

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR JENN

Greetings Church!

Happy Spring – a season of renewal! "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." – 2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)

Was anybody else counting the days until spring? After a year of the COVID-19 Pandemic, I know I was. Though the cool, crisp days of Fall are my favorite time of year, Spring would be a close second! There's just something about the freshness and renewal of Spring that should be a natural encouragement to each of us.

Just as we have been anticipating spring and the changes and new life it will bring, our Servant Leadership Board has been anticipating the exciting changes this year will bring. We began our year with goals being set to guide us in the year ahead. Our number one goal is to increase an understanding/practice of discipleship. Before COVID, we had a discipleship pathway that involved worship on Sunday mornings, Sunday school on Sunday mornings, and opportunities to serve, study or lead throughout the week, all within our building on Pfeiffer Road. COVID has given us new opportunity to expand our physical community, into a growing online community. Our website and social media platforms can no longer be used solely to drive people to our physical building, but rather we can use these platforms for worship, small groups, discussions, learning opportunities and connections. At its best, the social media world can help build relationships, and we have a goal to continue to increase our use of social media in an intentional way and stay connected with our new, and existing, church family.

Another example of increasing an understanding/practice of discipleship is to develop new leadership and small group options. This summer we plan to have Leadership Development Training for our fall groups to discuss new styles of meeting. We have tested and seen success with groups that are a hybrid of in-person and online, which allows for multiple ways to connect and grow as a disciple in this ever-changing landscape.

Outreach and advocacy are other ways to increase our understanding/practice of discipleship. We have amazing Mission Partners, and we want to increase our ministry with these partnerships! As we continue to move through this year, discussion groups, and Listen and Learn opportunities will be developed in order to be part of the conversation with the many needs within our church, community and world. These discussions can include, but are not limited to: talking about the increase in mental health needs as a result of this pandemic; conversations and advocacy on the issue of racism; and issues within the church when it comes to the divide in our denomination. The goal is to keep conversations going as we continue to grow in our walk with Christ and each other.

Our Servant Leadership Board has taken on a challenge, a shift in focus, in order to be part of the conversation. We have dedicated

ourselves to the study of two books: *Holy Love: A Biblical Theology for Human Sexuality* by Steve Harper and *The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism* by Jemar Tisby. These two books were chosen because conversations need to continue with the pending split within our denomination over whether or not we allow the ordination of LGBTQ pastors or allow same-sex marriage and the continued unrest within our churches and culture when it comes to race. Having courageous conversations is not easy, but as a board we are committing to them so we can extend and/or join in with conversations that are happening within our church and community.

Please pray for our staff, board, and pastors as we all commit to creating environments that only encourage growth for all in their walk with Christ.

Holy Week



Holy Week is this week! Our Holy Week will include Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Worship Services. You will be able to participate either in person

(7:00 pm) or through our Live Stream online. Links for the services or reservations will be available at the start of Holy Week.

We are thrilled to announce that we will be offering four services on Easter Sunday. We will have two indoor services, 8:00 am -Traditional and 11:00 am - Contemporary, one outdoor service at 9:30 am and, as always, our online worship option. Reservations are required for our indoor services, and masks are required at all in- person services. (The Easter reservation link will be available beginning Sunday, March 28 at noon on our website.) We are looking forward to seeing you and celebrating the Risen Christ together.

Peace House

Many people were able to gather and pray over the Peace House on March 14. Personally, I cannot thank you all enough for your generosity and patience as we have completed our Capital Campaign projects. The transformation of this house is amazing, and I know it



will be used for transformation of so many in the future.

The Peace House is to be a place to gather, a place for counseling, a place for support, a place for people to find peace and hope. As with the rest of the world, we look forward to slowly opening this house for counseling, support groups, and other intimate gatherings. We hope through the summer we will start to see life breathed into this house and our community.



Service Opportunities

Check out our Serve page to see all of the opportunities for service we have coming up this spring! Between our Serve Saturdays, our UMW programs and the opportunities to volunteer or donate to local organizations, there are tons of ways to get involved. I pray and hope that you will make every effort to participate in these activities and be enriched with your spiritual life.

Looking Forward

We are continuing with our new Worship Service times in April and May! Each Sunday we will offer three Worship opportunities for you, 9:00 am – Traditional, 11:00 am – Contemporary and our Online Worship. For the foreseeable future, reservations will be required for all indoor worship services. Safety remains our highest priority, so we will continue to abide by all safety regulations including masks, social distancing and cleaning protocols. I thank you in advance for your continued understanding.



Beginning in June, we will send out a survey to our congregation asking for your thoughts on some fall plans including worship times, worship styles, interest in small groups, and Sunday schools. Be on the lookout for that survey so you can help give leadership insight to the needs and desires of your family.

We have an exciting spring and summer ahead of us, friends, and I am so thankful you will be part of it.



In Christ,

Pastor Jenn Lucas

Christ caring for people through people STEPHEN MINISTRY

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

The Stephen Minister group at Church of the Savoiur comprised of fourteen individuals continued this caring ministry over the past year which in the face of difficulties and challenges.

The Stephen Ministers continued meeting with their care receivers while utilizing creative alternatives to our usual format of face-toface meetings indoors. Over the past year, the Stephen Minister group continued meeting with their ten care receivers by telephone, outdoors (weather permitting), and other means that are consistent with CDC guidelines.

Over the past year, the Church of the Saviour Stephen Ministers group had more than 250 meetings or contacts with their care receivers. Also, several Stephen Ministers retired from the ministry group after years of faithful service. To maintain the Stephen Ministry group, we are planning to hold a training class for new Stephen Ministers this fall.

If you would like to know more about Stephen Ministry or learn more about the upcoming training class, please contact Pastor Vicki Robinson (791-3142 Ex 26) or Mary Hoover (513-702-5642).



April 2021

- 4—EASTER (no Sunday school)
- 7-Music & Mission
- 11-Virtual Sunday School
- 14-Music & Mission
- 17—PreK Story Time
- 18—Virtual Sunday School
- 21-Music & Mission
- 25—Virtual Sunday School
- 28-456

May 2021

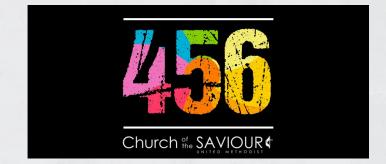
- 2-Virtual Sunday School
- 9-Virtual Sunday School
- 15—PreK Story Time
- 16—Virtual Sunday School
- 16—Family Picnic & Park Outing
- 19-456
- 23—Virtual Sunday School



PreK Story Time

Story Time is for preschool children and their adult companions (& siblings, too). Held on the 3rd Saturday

mornings of the month, story time includes movement, music, stories, and hands-on projects centered around each month's theme. You can register for story time on the Events page of the church website, www.cos-umc.org/events



456

456 is a mid-week, monthly ministry for students in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades designed to help them explore faith and build relationships. For more information you can contact Jayk Hinze (jayk.hinze@cos-umc.org) or Michelle Shiparski (michelle.shiparski@cos-umc.org).

This summer:

The Amazing Chemistry Show & Family Experience

This summer we are excited to offer The Amazing Chemistry Show & Family Experience on Saturday, June 12 from 1p-4p. The Family Experience is a highly interactive event that allows your family to explore over 150 hands-on science experiences at your own pace. Immediately following the

Family Experience, we will move into the Sanctuary for The Amazing Chemistry Show – a stage production filled with fire, explosions, foam and audience interaction!





April

- 4 EASTER SUNDAY NO YOUTH GROUP
- 11 Youth Small Groups (Sr. High: 3-4:30p; Jr. High: 4-5:30p)
- 18 Youth Small Groups
- 24 Serve Saturday (times TBA)
- 25 Youth Small Groups
- 30 Youth Ministry Bonfire (7-9pm)

May

- 2 Youth Small Groups
- 9 Youth Small Groups
- 15 Serve Saturday (times TBA)
- 16 Youth Small Groups
- 23 Graduation Sunday
- 30 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND NO YOUTH GROUP
- July
- 18-24 Local Summer Missions Week

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

Sunday Afternoon Youth Small Groups

This year, because of the pandemic, we are meeting for Sunday youth group in a slightly alternative way. We are meeting in small groups of 10 or less in rooms around the church where we can be socially distanced and safe. We

require all participants to wear their mask throughout our meetings, and we encourage an abundance of hand sanitizing. If you would like to know more about getting connected to one of our youth small groups, please email our Youth Pastor, Jayk Hinze at jayk.hinze@cos-umc.org

Our groups meet (almost) every Sunday during the following times:

Sr. High (grades 9-12): 3:00-4:30pm

Jr. High (grades 7-8): 4:00-5:30pm

Serve Saturdays

Serve Saturdays are a monthly service opportunity for students, adults, and the whole



family! Each month,

we will have a variety of ways you can get involved. We will have in-person projects including yard work, construction, painting, and donation sorting. We will also have projects you can work on from home or on your own such as donation shopping or meal prep.

Our next two scheduled Serve Saturdays are April 24th and May15th, and the times for participating will vary based upon the specific needs we have that month.

Youth Ministry Bonfire



On Friday, April 30th, we are hosting a Youth Ministry bonfire from 7-9pm that evening at the old Deerfield UMC building (2757 W. US-22 Maineville, Ohio 45039)! Stay tuned for more details, but you'll want to mark your calendars now!

Graduation Sunday

On Sunday, May 23rd, we plan to honor all of our graduating High School seniors as a part of our morning worship services. If you are related to a graduating senior and you would like them to be recognized in our worship service, please email our Youth Pastor, Jayk Hinze, at jayk.hinze@cos-umc.org

Youth Summer Missions Week

This summer, all students in grades 7-12 are invited to join us for a week of local missions where we have the chance to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus right here in our own community. We will jumpstart our week in the evening on Sunday, July 18th before launching into a week of intentional service, worship, and fun! During the days, students will serve on work teams accomplishing projects throughout our community, and in the evenings, we will gather for worship, games, food, and more! And for anyone who participated in our local missions week last summer: we've got some special twists for this year, so you won't want to miss out! Stay tuned for additional details about this awesome week of service for our students, and please feel free to reach out to our Youth Pastor, Jayk, at jayk.hinze@cosumc.org if you have any questions.

Participation in this summer's Youth Missions Week is \$50/ person, and there are sponsorships available to help with these costs. You can register yourself (or your students) HERE!

Wanted: Mission Week Adult Leaders

We are also still looking for adult leaders to help chaperone our students and work alongside them in accomplishing the many projects we will take on this summer. If you would like to help out for the whole week or even part of the week, please email our Youth Pastor, Jayk, at jayk.hinze@cos-umc.org





This spring, our students have been busy serving others and having fun in the name of Jesus Christ! We recently hosted a game night, and we've developed a monthly Serve Saturday program where students, adults, and families can get plugged in to give back to their community in a variety of ways!





We have also been holding our Confirmation Class in the Peace House this spring! This group of 11 eighth graders have loved being one of the inaugural groups to use this incredible ministry facility.



Boy Scout Mulch Sale ORDER NOW!

SCOUT TROOP 674 | Church of the Saviour

Order Deadline is April 13, 2021

Money raised benefits the Scouting Program, principally offsetting the travel costs of our Annual Summer Camp. Our current Scout participation is nearly 100 boys! <u>We also accept donations</u>.

BAG DELIVERY DATE: 4/24/21

Visit our website to order!



HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." - 2 Corinthians 9:12

A new ministry is coming to Church of the Saviour called Helping Hands. Helping Hands connects those who need help with those who can help. It's that simple.

If you or someone you know has a need, communicate this need through our Helping Hands page on our church website. It will be received confidentially by church staff and we will establish a way for you to receive help.

In some instances, we will identify needs that can be fulfilled by people within our church community. These needs will be posted on the Helping Hands page of our church website where you can sign-up to volunteer to help. In order to protect the person receiving help, the need will remain anonymous until the connection is made to the person providing help.

Examples of these needs are:

- A meal train sign-up
- Someone to run errands such as shopping
- Help with technology such as how to use Zoom

Some needs are better fulfilled by a service team. These service teams will be organized through a church-wide monthly service day called "Service Saturday". If you are interested in volunteering for a Service Saturday, go to our Helping Hands page of our website for more information or to sign-up.

Examples of work performed on a Service Saturday are:

- Yardwork
- Changing lightbulbs or fire alarm batteries
- Simple home repairs
- Painting

Whether you need help or want to help, Helping Hands is the place to get connected. Get connected to help. Get connected to serving. Get connected to God.

What Do I Do? Affordable Housing



"Pastor, what do I do?" she desperately asked me over the phone.

She called from a nearby motel lobby. She was out of money. Her new job didn't pay until next week. A month ago, she

was just getting by until her landlord raised her rent and her work hours were cut back. Now, she was trying to live in a nearby motel to avoid sleeping in her car.

"Pastor, what do I do?" Her question shook my mind, heart, and faith. She did not need a gas card or a food pantry. Her immediate need was money for one more motel night, but the uncertainty would haunt her again in the morning. She needed affordable housing to get back on her feet.

"Lord, what do I do?" As I prayed, Jesus led me to the root of the problem. There is a lack of affordable housing. Take one look at the prices of available housing and rental market in Cincinnati and you can't deny it. Ask any local pastor and they will tell you the calls due to lack of affordable and sustainable housing has increased. Recently, the Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati (MARCC) asked *"Lord, what can we do?"*

MARCC brought the real need for housing to Cincinnati voters through the special Affordable Housing Amendment on the ballot for May 4 election. Our own Ohio River Valley District occupies a seat at the MARRC table along with one representative from each major Christian church, Jewish Synagogue and the Cincinnati Islamic Center. More information is available <u>online here.</u>

Our brothers and sisters in faith and our ORV District leaders are advocating for sustainable change and affordable housing for all people in Cincinnati. It is not a perfect solution and there will be details to debate. But are we willing to answer God's call and face the brave question, *"Lord, what can we do together?"*

Affordable housing is both an issue of economic and racial justice. Church of the Saviour will continue to offer important studies to fight racism. We also are finding ways move to action and advocacy in our community and our church. If you are interested in stepping out and advocating for affordable housing and anti-racism advocacy, contact **Pastor Vicki Robinson today!**

God calls all our hands and hearts for justice, Micah 6:8.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



It is with great pleasure that I am delighted to share the United Methodist Women's giving in 2020. In the pandemic year we will all remember; I hope you will also remember the wonderful ingenious UMW. So many of our members came together to make sure we

were able to meet the needs of women, children and youth in our community and the world. I am so proud to be a part of this organization and be involved in our local unit here at Church of the Saviour.

The way our members stepped up to the call of the Holy Spirit was amazing! New ideas for raising mission funds to allow our unit to donate over \$18,000 in cash and over \$26,000 for in kind donations. Our efforts were strongly assisted by the congregation and we so appreciate all the support. It is now almost April and we have been busy with more ideas and we are open to new ones. Our 2020 giving is listed below. We were lucky to bless many organizations and hope to do so again this year. We are the hands and feet of Christ; won't you join us?

Contact me or Leah Hondorf, nominations chairperson, at lhondorf@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining the board.

Cash donations plus In Kind donations:

Bethany House: \$450 plus \$283 in kind

Blue Ash Backpack Bundles: \$450 Brecon UMC food pantry: \$250 plus \$400 in kind Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center: in kind \$600 (Toy donations) COS Youth Mission program: \$67 plus in kind \$135.01 Cooper's Trace Nursing and Rehabilitation Center: \$159.75 FACE = For AID Children Everywhere: \$400 plus \$600 in kind First Step Home: \$250 Foot Care for the Souls (formerly Medical Volunteers of Cincinnati/Foot Care Clinic: \$175 Gifts from the Heart (gift cards, 101 back packs & monetary): \$10,991 Goodwill: \$40 in kind Jack's Closet: \$857 in kind Life Enriching Communities (Twin Lakes/Twin Towers): \$350 Lydia Needlecrafters (prayer shawls, scarves, etc): \$11,140 in kind NEEDS: \$850 plus \$450 in kind **Operation Give Back: \$75** Ohio River Valley UMW (pledges and world thank offering): \$3,570 Princeton Closet: \$250 plus in kind \$400 Red Bird Mission: \$375 plus in kind \$22.80 (Box Tops for Education) State Avenue UMC Food Pantry: \$250 plus in kind \$426

WCMC: \$2,600 plus in kind \$1,564

Wesley Education Center: \$1,750 plus in kind \$798.54 West Ohio Conference UMC Disaster Fund: \$40 West Ohio Conference All in Community: in kind 100 masks \$500 York Street UMC Food Pantry: \$250 plus in kind \$250

Your sister in Christ,

Pam Senefeld UMW President

"God is good all the time, all the time God is good!"

The Mothers and Daughters Group: To ALL mothers, daughters, grandmothers, granddaughters and any other women at COS! Join the Mothers and Daughters group on Saturday, April 10, from 9-11 am as we travel to Clough UMC to learn about their in-house ministry, Jack's Closet (for children in foster or kinship care). We'll learn more about what it is and how it got started and then help with sorting, organizing, and whatever else is needed.

It's a beautiful mission and a great way to support a fellow Methodist church! Gently used and new Children's clothing of all sizes may be donated.

We will meet at Church of the Saviour around 8:30 am and return around 11:30 am. (Times may vary slightly.) If you prefer to meet at Clough, the address is 2010 Wolfangel Road, 45255 (Anderson Township, on the corner of Clough and Wolfangel) Call Pam Senefeld (514-314-5042) or Jennifer Ehlers (514-739-2064) for more information or to sign up to attend. Size is limited to 8, so contact us ASAP.

Susanna Wesley Women in Mission will meet over Zoom on Thursday, April 8 at 7:00pm. Please contact Sandy King at 513-260-4717 if you'd like to be included.

Lydia Needlecrafters meet the first and third Wednesday of every month at 5:30 pm in a ZOOM meeting. During the quarantine, we have been busy knitting prayer shawls, baby blankets, baby hats and scarves for students leaving foster care.

Many recipients give feedback about how their prayer shawl helped them so much and how appreciative they were about the gift and the effort that went in to creating it. If you know someone 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.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The **Third Tuesday Morning Hannah Group** will be going to Crayons to Computers on April 21. We will meet at the church office area at 9:30 am to carpool there.

The address is 1350 Tennessee Avenue, Cincinnati 45229, if you want to meet us there at 10 am. We will be doing hands on mission work until 11:30 am. Anyone interested will be going out to lunch following this project.

Contact Euphazine Reid-Kendall, Kendall, at ereidk@msn.com or call her to rsvp at (Home 678-340-7003 or Cell 678-857-8362 number) to join us or for questions.





THINK SPRING

Looks like we are having an early Spring so if you are anxious to do some gardening, we ask you to please wait to make your plant and landscaping purchases until during the dates of the UMW Spring Garden Fundraising Days, April 18 - May 9, at Denny McKeown's Bloomin Garden Center. Note, the sale is again running for three whole weeks including Mother's Day so you may want to think about some gift ideas for this as well plus any other upcoming Spring gift giving occasions you will be needing. The United Methodist Women will receive 10% of all sales which will be used to help support local missions, community needs, and are needed now more than ever.

There is no additional cost to you and no coupon or voucher is needed at the time of purchase as in previous years. Once again, just as we did for the Fall Garden Fundraiser, The Bloomin Garden Center is allowing us to simply give our word by telling them we are "shopping for the Church of The Saviour UMW Garden Fundraiser."

For questions: contact Joyce Spreckelmeier gardner@cinci.rr.com or 891-1434

Join the United Methodist Women (UMW) for a virtual gathering on Zoom to celebrate spring!

Mark your calendar(s) for Thursday evening April 29, 2021 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. We will meet online for fellowship, games and a presentation from Kevin Corey, Executive Director of Wesley Chapel Mission Center (WCMC).

Look for the Sign Up Genius link in the COS Newsflash or your email to RSVP. A gift bag for you and an opportunity to support the WCMC will be available upon registration. The Zoom link will be sent out the morning of the party. All are welcome.

Please contact Jenny Motley at <u>jennymotley71@gmail.com</u> or (513) 658-0982 for more information.

We are looking forward to seeing you!



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Thank You COS! Together We Raised Over \$2,220 To Provide Valentine's Day Treats & 9 Catered Meals To 25 Healthcare Workers In The Covid Unit At Bethesda North Hospital









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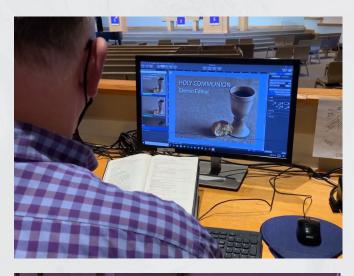
PRODUCTION DESIGNER

An Exciting Opportunity for You

Presentation designers work to make the visual expression of words and pictures come to life on screen.

Presentations in our sanctuary are driven by ProPresenter, a dynamic presentation application that gives the designer and operator an opportunity to create powerful moments of worship. The presentation design team needs people who can create vibrant and informative slides that aid worshipers. Designers work with pre-designed graphics and a script of the worship guide to build slide decks for worship. Put your creative passion to work, join the design team, and start training today.

Visit our AV Tech Team webpage to learn more or contact Nick Stockburger (nick.stockburger@cos-umc.org) to sign up.





REGENERATING THE CHORAL MINISTRY



Voices United in Song Returns to Church of the Saviour

We are underway with efforts to regenerate the choral program Church of the Saviour. Although we continue with certain constraints to maintain a safe environment, the arrival of the Covid vaccine and ongoing research and practices regarding singing brings about the time to rebuild our choirs. The trustees and our HVAC company have conducted tests that produced measurements and data with air refresh rates in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. We now know the appropriate duration to be singing in one space before moving to the other.

We are also using another exciting resource from the International Coalition of Performing Arts Aerosol Study. Their six-month study resulted in three reports generating an extensive amount of findings and recommendations that allow musicians utilizing wind for sound production to safely resume rehearsing. The document has been extremely helpful in designing protocols for us to resume singing. One of the predominant mitigating factors that all of us learned in the last year is wearing a mask. They are a proven source in prohibiting the spread of the virus. We received a COS Endowment Grant to supply all of our singers with the Livinguard mask that gives greater protection than basic masks and benefits singers in limited rehearsals.

Many of our regular singers have or will soon return to rehearsals and worship services. Now is a great time for people interested in joining a choir to get on board. The choirs are working on rebuilding singing skills and technique. Learning together and making harmony get straight to the heart of our work as worship leaders. Contact Joe Galyon (joe.galyon@cos-umc.org) to join today.

Adventurers Upcoming Events



Who are the Adventurers? This 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.

Mark your calendar we will be "Firing Up the Grills", on <u>Wednesday, September 15.</u> We are having our 1st post COVID event! Enjoy a visit with your friends, grilled hamburgers and hot dogs (or bring



your own meat) and some little Corn Hole fun (for those who want to participate). Bring a dish to share. Water and sodas will be provided. We won't know which Blue Ash Shelter until June but watch for updates. This will be open to all COS Adults. Sign up information to come.

PLAYBILL



"Pretty Women" a fun Broadway musical at the Aronoff, <u>Wed., October 13,</u> 8:00 pm show, \$60.00. The musical show is based on 1990s film of the same name. I have limited group seats in rows G and H of the Loge. Dinner together before hand is optional. If you want to join us, call or send an email to Jane Kieninger (513 489 6022, jkieninger@aol.com) by <u>Aug. 8, 2021</u>. Seats are limited .

COS on the Go AGAIN! Fall 4 day 3 night motorcoach tour to Pennsylvania Amish-land and Hershey, PA. <u>Monday</u> <u>November 8 through</u> <u>Thursday, Nov 11.</u> Cost \$570 (double occupancy). \$50



deposit will hold your spot. Mail your check made out to 'COS' to Jane Kieninger 211 Legacy Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45249 (fully refundable until final payment). This trip is limited to 40 passengers. Deposit deadline is July 15, final payment due September 13.

Trip includes:

• 3 nights lodging, 3 Breakfasts, 3 dinners

- "Queen Ester" show at Sight and Sound Theatre
- " Deck the Halls" at the America Music Theatre
- Guided tour of the Amish Country-side with stops at Amish Craft Farm and Bake shop
- Hershey's Chocolate World (make your own chocolate bar)
- Stop at Flight 93 Memorial and more

For a detailed flyer email Jane at <u>jkieninger@aol.com</u>. This trip is a White Star tour excursion for COS members and guests. Questions? Contact Jane at 513-489-6022.

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

Bridge Group – COS Bridge group is currently not meeting due to COVID.

Men's Lunch Group – Zooming (right now) <u>Every Tuesday</u> at 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. Bring a sack lunch. Share stories, views of current events and explore almost any topic. All men are welcome. Group Leader is Ed Daniels with help from Arnie Penix. If you are interested call Ed at 891-4564 or email him at

edaniel3151@gmail.com to get the zoom link. No reservations are required.



Matthew 25 Mission Opportunity – <u>Friday, April 9.</u>

<u>9:00.</u> Starting in April this COS mission will meet the 2nd

<u>Friday</u> of every month (with a couple of exceptions) from 9:00 to 11:30 am 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! Meet us at Matthew 25 at 9, then lunch together afterwards (optional). Group coordinator is Leslie Bricker. Please sign up by contacting her at <u>mobricker@msn.com</u> or 513 410 2267. Or go on your own – call Leslie with signup information.

Matthew 25 Ministries is currently scheduling individuals (16 years and older), households/families of all ages, and small groups for volunteer shifts Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00–4:00 pm STARTING MARCH 1ST. You will work for a two hour shift, under the supervision of the staff at Matthew 25 Ministries. Most often you will be sorting clothes, pill bottles and hospital supplies, getting them ready to be shipped to places all over the world where a need is identified.



BUILDER'S ARE GOING CAMPING

Join the Builders as we go to Jellystone Park Mammoth Cave, located in Cave City, Kentucky. We are going Thursday, June 24 through Sunday, June 27. Families will book individual cabins or tent campsites. If you would like additional information, please contact Carrie Feldmeyer at 655-5714 or benfeldmeyer@yahoo.com

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