

Circuit Rider

DECEMBER 2021

Worship Times:

9:30 am—Indoor Contemporary

9:30 am—Live Stream Contemporary

11:00 am—Indoor Traditional

11:00 am—Live Stream Traditional

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR JENN

Greetings church!

The season of Advent is upon us. Advent is the four-week season when we pause to reflect upon, and ready ourselves to celebrate, the birth of Jesus Christ, and when we remember his promise to come again one day. I'm so grateful for this season.

For most of us, Christmas is a time of happiness. We have learned to love virtually everything about it – the music, the lights, the giving and receiving of gifts, the fellowship of friends and family. Year after year, we anticipate this season with great excitement and remember it with fondness, long after it is gone.

But in the midst of all this happiness, we need to remember that for some people Christmas is the loneliest time of the year. For some, Christmas festivities remind them of broken relationships, and the togetherness of others serves to accentuate their own sense of aloneness. Loneliness is without question one of life's most painful experiences. And in some form at some time, every one of us must deal with it. Some people feel the loneliness of need. Many in broken homes feel the loneliness of rejection. Those who have lost a loved one feel that ultimate loneliness that comes from death.

So, the Advent season for many people underlines these feelings of loneliness. But strangely enough it also has a special message for the lonely. When the angel spoke to Joseph about Mary's pregnancy, he gave the baby two names. The first, of course, was Jesus, the name with which we are most familiar. But the other was Emmanuel, a Hebrew name which means, "God is with us." In other words, Mary's baby boy was God's way of saying to our world: You are never alone.

Every one of us needs to hear that Christmas message! God is not only telling the world of His presence in the vast universe. He is telling you and me of His presence in our lives. God is with each one of us, individually and personally. Christ not only came into the world; He came to the people, one at a time, and shared with them the good news "God is with us." This does not mean that we will never be lonely, but it does mean that we will never be alone. God is always there. Close to Home.

This is the truly wonderful message of this Advent season. So may we all prepare ourselves to receive this reality into our personal lives. It will be the best gift we will receive this Christmas!

In Christ,



Pastor Jenn Lucas



What is Drive Through Nativity?

For the past 33 years, Church of the Saviour has hosted the Drive Through Nativity as our Christmas gift to the community! Ten different live scenes capture biblical times with animals and inspirational music. The scenes are placed

throughout the parking lot at the back of the church.

Admission is FREE and we have never taken any donations. The event takes place regardless of weather. It takes 10 minutes to drive through. You do not have to leave the warmth of your car.

If you are new to Church of the Saviour, this is a **MUST** activity for all! Sign up to participate on-line by visiting the Church of the Saviour website (www.cos-umc.org/advent).

Drive Through Nativity Needs YOU!

We greet you with good news of the plans for a safe and joyous Drive Through Nativity for 2021! The world needs the story of Christ's birth to bring hope and love to this Christmas season. This year's Drive Through Nativity will be very much the same as it's been in the past! Drive Through Nativity 2021 will happen on Sunday night, **December 12 (5:30-8:00 pm)**. You can sign up to be part of the 2021 Drive Through Nativity now through December 5. Note the link to use for registration. **Sign up soon so that you'll get the shift that works best for you.**

The LINK to register for actors (grades 4-12), travelers (adults), luminary help, set-up/tear-down, and traffic will be active from Now—December 5:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/13577D802A6C9ECCFAE7-drivenativity>

Participants will park in the medical building parking lot and come across the street aided by the traffic volunteers.

If you have questions or need further details about the 2021 Drive Through Nativity or how to register, please contact: Les Sper (513-675-5987), Mary Jane Sper (513-476-7250), or Sandy King (513-260-4717).



Finance

UPDATES

Church of The Saviour 2021 Income & Expenses - Actual vs. Budget Financial Facts - As of October 31, 2021

	Total			% of Budget
	Actual As Of 10/31/2021	2021 Budget	Remaining	
Income				
Total Other Operating Revenue	\$ 1,448.89	\$ 4,749.96	\$ 3,301.07	30.50%
Total Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,105,897.07	\$ 1,567,174.20	\$ 461,277.13	70.57%
Total Income	\$ 1,107,345.96	\$ 1,571,924.16	\$ 464,578.20	70.45%
Expenses				
Total Apportionments	\$ 114,262.00	\$ 137,114.00	\$ 22,852.00	83.33%
Total Discipleship Expense	\$ 20,042.77	\$ 41,220.00	\$ 21,177.23	48.62%
Total Mission Trip Expenses	\$ 5,257.71	\$ 4,140.00	\$ -1,117.71	127.00%
Total Operations Expense	\$ 55,146.26	\$ 77,560.00	\$ 22,413.74	71.10%
Total Outreach & Nurture Expense	\$ 5,498.41	\$ 22,260.00	\$ 16,761.59	24.70%
Total Staff - Parish Expense	\$ 558,901.95	\$ 723,145.18	\$ 164,243.23	77.29%
Total Trustee Expenses	\$ 293,800.70	\$ 502,700.00	\$ 208,899.30	58.44%
Total Worship & The Arts	\$ 19,417.75	\$ 26,280.00	\$ 6,862.25	73.89%
Total Expenses	\$ 1,072,327.55	\$ 1,534,417.18	\$ 462,089.63	69.89%
Net Income	\$ 35,018.41	\$ 37,506.98	\$ 2,488.57	93.37%

KIDS CORNER

December

3 – Parents Night Out, 6p-8p

5 – Sunday School @ 9:30a

12 – Sunday School at 9:30a

Kids Ringers 2-3 play at 9:30a.

Drive-thru Nativity 5:30p-8p.

18 – Christmas Story Time @ 9:30a

19 – Sunday School @ 9:30a

Kids Ringers 4-6 play at 11a

24 – *Away in a Manger* Christmas Musical @ 5p

26 – **Cozy Christmas Worship @ 9:30a**

No Sunday School



Everyone deserves a break, especially parents! That's why the COS youth & children's ministries are partnering up to offer **Parents' Night Out** - a night where

parents can drop off their kids so that they can enjoy dinner, shopping, or just some peace and quiet! This Friday, December 3, from 6p-8p, kids will have a fun night that includes pizza, games, & activities led by our awesome crew of trained adult & youth volunteers. **Children 4 years & younger will have age-specific activities in the nursery.* Space is limited, so don't delay registering your kids for this amazing night! [Register your child here.](#)

We're having a Christmas-themed story time on **Saturday,**

December 18 at 9:30 am.

Come hear Tom Burdin share the classic poem, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas and some history



St. Nick followed by the beautifully illustrated story, The Birth of Jesus and the real reason we celebrate Christmas. Following our stories, families will have the chance to retell the Christmas story using child-friendly nativity sets, make their own nativity craft, and enjoy cookies & cocoa! It is a morning sure to put you in the Christmas spirit! [Register your family's attendance here.](#)



We are always seeking caring & compassionate volunteers who have a heart for Jesus, children, & their families.

If you would like to be a part of our team, please check out our current volunteer opportunities:

[Christmas Eve Nursery Volunteers \(5p & 7p\)](#)

[Children's Ministry Welcome Table](#)

[Sunday Nursery](#)

[Wednesday Evening Child Care](#)

Welcome Back! We are very happy to share that Frankie Hann is returning to COS as our part-time Nursery Car Coordinator. Frankie will schedule volunteers, manage our care spaces & cleaning protocols, and communicate with parents. Please join us in welcoming her back to COS!



December

- 3 – Parents Night Out (6-8)
- 5 – Advent Vespers (5-6) & Youth Group (6-8)
- 12 – Drive Through Nativity (5:30-8)
- 19 – Christmas Party (6:30-8:30)
- 26 – NO YOUTH (Holiday Weekend)

January 2022

- 2 – NO YOUTH (Holiday Weekend)
- 9 – Youth Group (6-8pm)
- 16 – Youth Group
- 23 – Youth Group
- 28 – Trivia Night Fundraiser (6-8pm)
- 30 – Youth Group

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 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)



Parents Night Out Volunteers

On the first Friday in December (12/3) we are partnering with our Children's Ministry to offer parents a night out at the

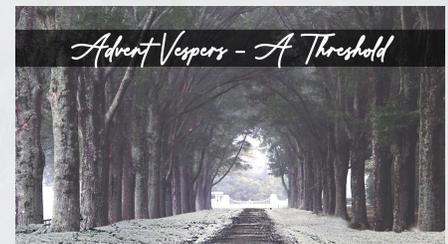
beginning of the busy holiday season. Specifically, we are looking for youth who want to work/play with younger kids for a couple hours and lead them through games, crafts, snack, and other fun activities! If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact our youth pastor, Jayk Hinze (jayk.hinze@cos-umc.org)

Advent Vespers + Youth Group

On Sunday, December 5th, Church of the Saviour hosts an Advent Vesper service from 5-6pm in the Sanctuary to celebrate the start of this new liturgical season together as a church family. All students in



grades 7-12 are invited to join us for this special worship service along with their families. Afterwards, we will have our typical Sunday evening youth schedule, so students are invited to stick around!



Youth Christmas Party

All students in grades 7-12 are invited to join us for our Youth Christmas Party from 6:30-8:30pm on Sunday, December 19th. Mark your calendars now for this exciting event and stay tuned for more details on our Weekly Youth Update.



Trivia Night Fundraiser

You'll want to mark your calendars now for the return of our Trivia Night Fundraiser in January of 2022! This event is on Friday, January 28th from 6-8pm, and it is one of our Youth Missions Ministry fundraisers which helps to pay for the various service projects and mission trips we take each summer. Stay tuned for details on how to register, but please contact our youth pastor, Jayk (jayk.hinze@cos-umc.org); if you have any questions in the meantime!

PEACE HOUSE MINISTRY



Church of the Saviour's **Peace House Ministries** are vibrant and diverse as the leaves on our trees this fall! *The vision of our **Peace House Ministries** is to see the physical, mental, and spiritual health of our community transformed by the love of Jesus Christ.* The vision is coming alive as community support groups gather in the Peace House for connection and healing. On any given day of the week, support groups are gathering such as Al-Anon (support for relatives and friends of Alcoholics), NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), GRASP (Grief Support After Substance Passing), and our own church started Amputee Support Group. We are currently building relationships with new leaders in hopes to offer support groups soon for widows, caregivers and those struggling with dementia.

"We are really enjoying the Peace House and very much appreciate you sharing it with us. This past month we had a young man who had lost his hand come to our meeting really wondering where his life was going from here. He had a smile on his face when he left and I think he will be back again.

In 1999, a COS member was facing amputation of his leg and wasn't sure he could handle it and go on with life. He met with a fellow COS member for advice. He told him that his life was still great and he would be able to move on in new ways. He decided to seek out others living with amputated limbs. He advertised a support group at COS in the Enquirer. On March 11, 1999, the first support group meeting was held at church and 30 people showed up! The support group is still going strong after 22 years thanks to your church! Two of us are original members of the group."

Lois, Amputee Support Group Leader

*The mission of our **Peace House Ministries** is to model Christ by cultivating and being a brave community to promote health, wellness, and purpose for all people. We are modeling this mission in our diverse and vibrant ministries, community classes, and events. In our 20th years of Stephen Ministry at Church of the Saviour, Stephen Ministers are modeling Christ in listening care relationships. With **Peace House Ministries**, Stephen Ministers offered a special speaker on "empty nesting" to promote wellness for our families during a critical season of transition. Coming soon, **Peace House Ministries** is cultivating a brave new ministry of *Courageous Conversations*! Upcoming classes are in the works for new spiritual health disciplines on healing touch, contemplation, and meditation.*

As the seasons change, Church of the Saviour's **Peace House Ministries** will grow and transform our community. Stay tuned for more support groups, classes, and special events coming soon.

Rev. Vicki Robinson



Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**



Grief Recovery After a Substance Passing



JOIN LAST MILE FOOD RESCUE



A wonderful and new organization is on the road and on your phone in our community—Last Mile Food Rescue! They partner with grocery stores and restaurants

with food still good but can no longer sell. Last Mile Food Rescue then matches this food to non-profits (e.g. food banks, shelters) that can serve it to those in need. Then comes YOU—the Food Rescue Hero! Volunteer “hero” drivers pick up the food and deliver it to the non-profit. Last Mile Food Rescue calls these pickup/deliveries Rescues, as in rescuing food that would otherwise be thrown into the trash..

The Last Mile Food phone app is free, simple, and connects volunteer drivers merely go to choose their Rescue locations. Whenever you have the time and your car, you can make a difference! They help those who are disadvantaged while also helping our planet by reducing the CO2 that would be released from the rotting food. Check out how to volunteer at <https://lastmilefood.org/>

In just the last 30 days, the Cincinnati chapter has performed 1,032 Rescues, saving 191,079 pounds of food, which provided for 159,233 meals and prevented 103,756 Lbs. of CO2 being released. One of our COS volunteers, over their last 15 Rescues, saved 2,540 Lbs. of food, which provided for 2,117 meals and prevented 1,379 Lbs. of CO2 being released!!



Please see photo for a typical load of produce and bread!



The Upper Room magazine's mission is to provide a practical way to listen to scripture, connect with believers around the world, and spend time with God each day.

The Upper Room November Devotional is now available! Stop by church and pick up your copy!



Would you prefer to receive the Circuit Rider in the mail? Contact Dorothy Stadelmann (dorothy.stadelmann@cos-umc.org) to request to be added to the list!

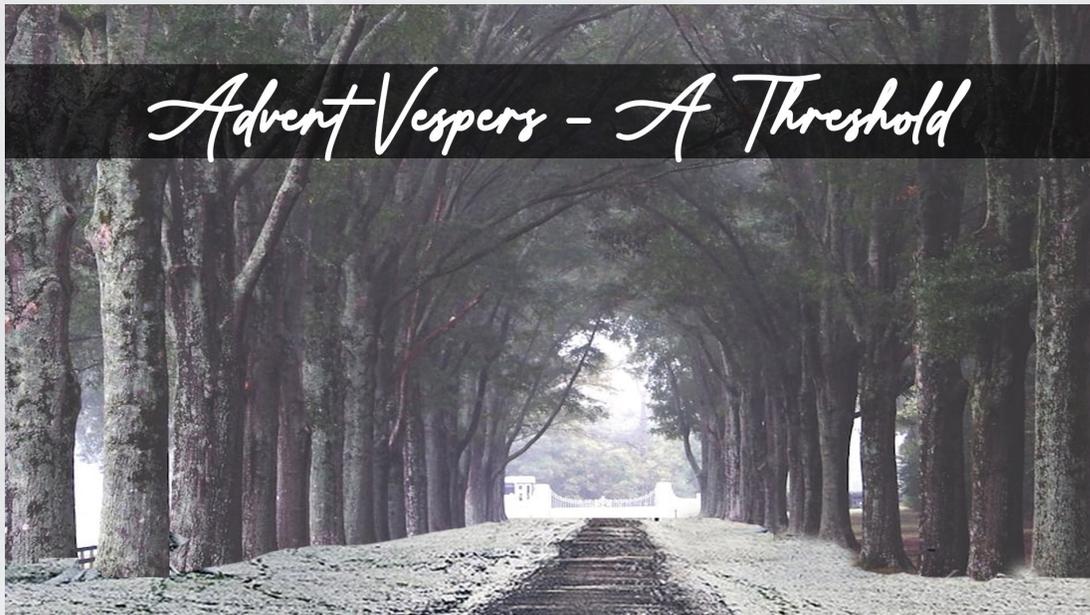
CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Advent Vespers - A Threshold

Advent Vespers...A Threshold | December 5, 2021 | 5:00 pm

The time of Advent is a threshold, a gateway, a bridge. We are crossing over the threshold into a new year of grace. We are passing through the gate into the transforming life of Christ. We are traversing the bridge into a new and deeper becoming, into a holy future now. As you journey toward Christmas, join us for Advent Vespers at Church of the Saviour on December 5, 2021 at 5:00 pm. Vespers is an evening prayer service that offers moments of quiet reflection, prayer, and centering guided by spoken narratives and musical offerings from Covenant Choir and Ringers. Make time to remember the threshold of the past and anticipate the threshold of the future during Advent Vespers.



The Longest Night

**December 21, 2021 | 7:00 pm
Available In person or Online**

*Peace House Ministries and Stephen Ministries invites you and your family to the Longest Night Service
December 21 @ 7 pm in the Sanctuary*

May you experience the peace of Christ with you in the longest of nights.

The Longest Night service is meant to honor and embrace those of us who are grieving, struggling, or lost in emotion in the midst of all the Christmas Holiday. We take a moment to acknowledge the reality of loss and grief at a time of year when we miss our loved ones or our feelings of joy

and happiness.

You are invited to our Longest Night service to share honor and share together in our loss through reflective prayer, a candle lighting ceremony, and mutual support and compassion.

The Stephen Ministers will have an information table and also be serving the congregation during the Longest Night Service. **If you know of someone, or you personally feel that you might benefit from a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Vicki Robinson (937-231-7887) or Mary Hoover (513-702-5642).**

This service will also be available on livestream via our website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Eve

5:00 PM - CHILDREN AND CAROLS
7:00 PM - CONTEMPORARY CANDLELIGHT
9:00 PM - TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT
11:00 PM - TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT AND COMMUNION



Cozy Christmas with Cocoa | December 26 Christmas Service @ 9:30 am

All are welcome to one service

Join us for a cozy Christmas morning service with cocoa and Christmas carols. Families are welcome to come in their comfy clothes and the young and young at heart are welcome to bring their favorite stuffed animal. Come early and relax with friends to delicious hot cocoa, coffee, and cookies. We will praise God with traditional Christmas hymns, prayer, and our "chosen home" message.

December 26 we will have ONE SERVICE at 9:30 am

There will not be an 11 am traditional service on December 26.



News From HOPE Center for Girls

Despite the ongoing violence and tragedy in Haiti, God has been at work in the lives of the HOPE Orphanage Girls. See below the note from Facebook from Toby Banks and share in their joy! In order to support these girls, Church of the Saviour's Servant Leadership Board approved releasing the funds that have been saved at COS over the past several years to help fund their Post High School education. We've generated over \$20,000 through donations and collecting used cell phones and ink jet printer cartridges, sending them to a responsible recycling center and receiving money in return. Thank you to all who have participated in the past! I will continue to collect these items and send the money to the new ministry, Raising Hope, to provide ongoing support to Egnese, Rose-Myrlande, Monese, Rose and Anguetha in their new and joyous journey! Please pray for these young women...for their safety in times of violence in Haiti, for their success in school, and that God will guide them on the path He has set for them. Mesi!

Barb Daniel

From Toby:

Exciting News!!

It's been a long time but there is big news from our Haiti family. The five oldest girls from the former HOPE Orphanage have elected to strike out in the world and find their places and answer their callings. They have reached out to Tim and I for some guidance and help. We are so excited for them and for their futures and, of course, we are going to help them become successful in this new life. We have had their educational preparedness assessed by professionals and have determined the best option for their success is to supplement their Haitian education with some American-style classroom instruction. To that end, they are currently sharing an apartment and attending classes at a highly-rated English-speaking school in Haiti.

We know there are plenty of folks that have loved and prayed for these girls for many years and will be just as excited as we are to hear about this journey they are on now. Please continue to pray for these five and the 15 other girls who are still at the former HOPE Orphanage as they navigate this new path.

We are working on a website and FB page for you all to follow. Visit us at raisinghopeministries.com to sign up to be notified when the whole site is up and running so you can follow along.



Advent Devotional

Have you ever had something come "close to home?" A phrase meaning something or someone that affected you deeply. The Advent season can bring us "close to home" through sharing memories, rituals, scripture, music, and stories. Join us this December in a free daily Advent devotional that connects us close to home as a community and with our Creator. Our Advent theme this year is "Close to Home" and the daily devotional will also connect you to the worship services on Sunday. Use the link below to get a digital copy or contact the office for a printed copy.

Small Groups and Sunday School Classes during Advent

Advent is a wonderful season and reason to join a small group! Many of our small groups are offering Advent studies on all different days and times of the week and both in person and online. If you would like to join a group, contact Pastor Vicki Robinson (vicki.robinson@cos-umc.org). Together with God's guidance we can find the right fit for your interests and schedule.



We will be volunteering next at Matthew 25 on Friday, December 10th from 9-11am. Please let Leslie Bricker know if you'd like to join us by calling her at 513-410-2267, or e-mailing: mobricker@msn.com.

Matthew 25 Mission Opportunity – COS mission will meet the 2nd Friday 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 mobricker@msn.com or 513 410 2267. Or go on your own – call Leslie with signup information.



Margaret Butler, our exceptional Hospitality Coordinator has decided to retire at the end of this year to spend more time with her family. We will be celebrating Margaret a lot in the months to come, but in anticipation of her impending retirement, we will be looking to find her replacement.

The Hospitality and Connection Coordinators primary responsibility is to curate and create environments, systems and resources that ensure every person integrates and connects in the life of the church. This person will ensure all who attend worship or other events happening at our church has a remarkable experience. The Coordinator will seek to connect people to the next steps on their journey to love, grow and serve God and others.

[Are you or someone you know interested? Click here for the full job description!](#)

Please send all resumes to staff.pariah@cos-umc.org.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Combs, Staff Parish Chair.



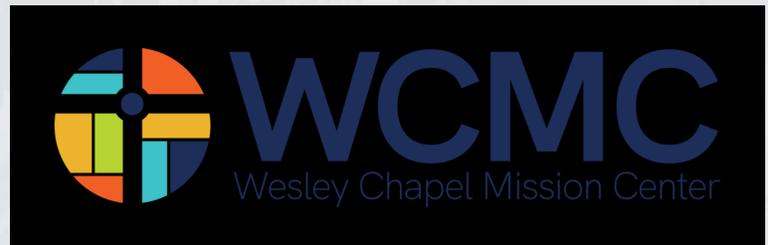
The Builders are Heading to the Dominican Republic!

We are planning a fun beach trip to the DR in June 2022. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Carrie Feldmeyer if you would like more information (865-335-7235 or benfeldmeyer@yahoo.com).



We will be collecting items for Wesley Chapel Mission Center this fall! We are now accepting donations for WCMC in the Collection Center inside by the Church Office Doors. The items requested are listed below:

- Assorted size basketballs
- Ear buds
- Copy paper
- School supplies – folders, plastic pencil boxes, construction paper, and bulletin board paper rolls
- Stamps
- Name tag stickers
- 40-gallon clear bins
- Adult size masks and gloves
- Cleaning supplies - disinfecting wipes, sanitizing solution, and paper towels,
- 4 oz. disposable cups



Gifts from the Heart



Sign up now!

Gifts from the Heart 2021

Thank you everyone for your gift purchases and donation to support Gifts from the Heart for this year's

Christmas Season. We will be providing 278 Christmas gifts to children in need. Children at Wesley Education Center, York Street United Methodist Church, Wesley Chapel Mission Center, and our local community will benefit from this mission.

All gifts purchased for the angel ornaments must be wrapped and returned by **NOON on December 5th**. Backpacks for Wesley Chapel Mission Center do not have to be wrapped.

Call Donna Steinmetz at 513-563-7144 for gift pick-up if you are unable to return your gift to the church.

JOIN UMW and the Youth Group on the evening of December 5th, after Vespers, to sort and prepare gifts for delivery.

We still **NEED VOLUNTEERS** to collect gifts during the services and sort gifts with the youth after Vespers.

VOLUNTEER HERE

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080848AEA62BAB9-gifts2>

Mission Groups

Hannah

Hannah Group meets on the 3rd Tuesday morning each month. In lieu of meeting in December, we will celebrate Jesus at the annual UMW Christmas Party and volunteer for Gifts for the Heart. Contact Euphazine Reid-Kendall (678) 857-8362 ereidk@msn.com or Dorothy Stadelmann (513)800-8365 dorothy.stadelmann@cos-umc.org for more information.



Susanna

Susanna Wesley Women in Mission meet on the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month. For the month of December, our activity is the UMW Christmas Party on December 13th. Contact Sandy King at (513)260-4717 for more information.

Lydia

Lydia Needlecrafters is adding to its ministry through the gift of prayer squares!

Lydia Needlecrafters meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5:30pm in the parlor and on ZOOM. Join us for fellowship as we knit, crochet and quilt to achieve the mission. Do you know someone that would benefit from God's blessing through the gift of a prayer shawl, baby blanket, scarf, or prayer square, then please contact Donna Steinmetz (513)-563-7144, Pam Senefeld (513)-314-5042, Bonnie Nesbitt (bonniepnesbitt@hotmail.com) or Pastor Vicki Robinson.

Mothers and Daughters

Mothers and Daughters group will gather on Sunday, December 4, from 1-2:30 pm in the dining room

to make our annual gingerbread houses. We will create individual gingerbread houses to decorate with graham crackers, candy, and icing. Bring a bag of your favorite treats to share and a can of white icing to decorate the houses. Also, bring a canned good or food staple for NEEDS, Northeast Emergency Distribution Services. Please RSVP to Pam Senefeld at maxmuir1@aol.com.



Children's Closet



The Children's Closet is asking for donations for the Wesley Chapel Christmas Store. Some items requested are colognes, perfumes, stuffed animals, purses and wallets. We are still accepting clothes, winter wear and other items you wish to donate. There will be many opportunities to support our missions through the Christmas tree wishes (GFTH). On behalf of all the people you have helped this year, thank you for all your generous giving and support!
Sincerely, Jean Feldmeyer (Children's Closet Coordinator)

Support Our Missions

Cashbooks are on sale for \$20. Always forgetting your paper coupons? No problem, **DOWNLOAD** the APP to receive the coupons on your phone! Get discounts for restaurants and

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entertainment while helping others. All profits will be donated to organizations that help local women and children in need. Contact Charlotte Locke (513)891-4611 lralph1010@aol.com or Carole Cobb (513)325-3062 cobbdscc@aol.com or any UMW member to buy a book. Help make a difference in our community!



Thank you

Thank you to everyone who donated clothing to Dress for Success in November. Your generosity will help to empower many women of low income through the job search process. To learn more about Dress for Success, check out

<https://cincinnati.dressforsuccess.org>.

Consider supporting UMW through the **Kroger Community Rewards Program**. UMW donates all monies received to charities benefiting women and children. To join the program, go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and type XL812 in the search box for the organization you wish to benefit. For more information contact Melody Overton, signof4@msn.com or (513)446-5651.

Get Involved

Do you want to be part of a dynamic group of women devoted to mission? Find out about opportunities in UMW such as small groups or members at large. Contact our membership team, Leslie Bricker (513)745-0399 or mobricker@msn.com and Jackie Nelson (513)683-8491 or jackienelson@gmail.com. Additionally, we are seeking a Vice President. If interested, please reach out to Leah Hondorf (513)304-5224 or lhondorf@yahoo.com. We would enjoy talking more about this leadership role on the UMW Board!

The Bethany House Project was an overwhelming success, thanks be to God. Many women donated food and money for items needed. Group members prepped & delivered food for 100 persons receiving comprehensive family centered services for the homeless. Truly felt like we were doing the work of Jesus.

UMW Christmas Party!

Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus! Let us rejoice in the news that GOD LOVES US, GOD IS WITH US and GOD IS FOR US!

Join us for a fun evening of music, fellowship, learning about Servants in Fellowship-a Haitian mission, BINGO and door prizes.

Monday, December 13th at 7:00pm to 8:30pm

RSVP by December 10th by clicking on the Sign-Up Genius Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080848AEA62BAB9-umwchristmas>. This link provides the Zoom information and instructions for picking up your goodie bag at church. Please feel free to invite family and friends. All are welcome!





Christmas Cranberry Cake Sale

This festive dessert is a delightful balance of buttery sweetness with hints of bright lemon flavor. Fresh plump cranberries give this cake a pop of yumminess, and the addition of sliced almonds provide a subtle tasty texture. No frosting is needed. It is delicious simply dusted with powdered sugar.

Each cake will be homemade, wrapped in festive cellophane and topped with a bow. All proceeds from your purchase will be donated to UMW missions. Talk to any UMW member to find out more about our mission partners.

Order a Christmas Cranberry cake to enjoy at your holiday celebrations or to give one to a friend, hostess or family in need. Orders will be taken at the Gifts from the Heart tables. Look for the Angel Trees!

To place an order: <https://forms.gle/WvB8ZJBY4ohzedQ86>
Cost \$20 is payable by cash, check or Venmo @UMW-COS.
Cakes will be available to pick up at church on December 19th.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/1	Yocheved Ocho Anne Marie Reinke Richard Walker		Johnathon Mitchell Heather Sass Dick Sprigg	12/17	Sue Brooks Mike Ehlers Emma Leong	12/25	Scott Lindsay Les Sper
12/2	Paisley Hill Vicki Stockmann Whitney Young	12/10	Ryan Wessinger Sydney Crane Grayson Whited	12/18	Rich Schramm Julie Willis Eric Neitzke	12/26	Bri Coggins Cathy Isakson Kate McGrath
12/3	Kathy Raithel Maura Sweeney		Linda Wulff Kathryn Yuhas	12/19	Doug Kieninger Andrew Schmidt	12/27	Hunter Maxfield
12/4	Susie Demuth Jonathan Richman Kathy Rosa Holly Schmidt Dave Smith	12/11	Leah Cagle Katherine Ehlers Beth Madama Nancy Smith Troy Travis		Katie Staderman Mary Stapleton Joan Steeves	12/28	Caprice Fogle Jennifer Grote Tonni Jobe Mike Keefe Connor McClure Steve Reinke
12/5	Katie Coleman Deborah Dunn Gwen Peters	12/12	Kristen Buckey Logan Kline	12/20	Ken Dunning Gwen Josche Nick Reuszer	12/29	Jenna Celek Miles Krasen Robin Vanover
12/6	John Starkweather Shari Whited	12/13	Grant Brueshaber Avery Delker	12/21	Aaron Douglas		Matt Young
12/7	Jeff Lehman Michele Neat	12/14	Suzanne Allen Nermine Banke	12/22	Ainslee Davis Tim Stanford Dennis Uffer	12/30	Lucy Jones Remi Margroum Luke Stadelmann
12/8	Afton McClure Holger Stockmann	12/15	Terri Anderson Eric Luessen Sherri Maetzold	12/23	Pam Berry Craig Maetzold Tonya Yetter Aubrey Willis	12/31	Terri Bittner Mary Brislin Joshua Mitchell
12/9	Mary Abbott Ben Foster	12/16	Kathy Harris Susan Mihlbachler	12/24	Molly McKnight Amanda Slager		Jean Muetzel Kay Sadler David Sass