

Circuit Rider

MAY 2022

CELEBRATE

Spring

WITH US

A NOTE FROM PASTOR JENN

A few weeks have passed since I preached my last Easter sermon at this church which has welcomed and nurtured me and my family for so many years. Yet the peace I felt flood my heart, mind and soul on that blessed morning continues to sustain me. In my last Circuit Rider message, I want to share that peace with each of you.

The last few years have been challenging on several fronts, yet I feel I have grown as a minister and as a Methodist. I trust this congregation is more than equal to its mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the church, the community, and the world. I believe your new Senior Pastor, Meshach Kanyion, will have the privilege of seeing this congregation remain steady in its faith and open to what God has planned for you.

We live in a frightening world, yet Christians refuse to let fear guide our path. We navigate polarization over the pandemic, politics and even how we practice our faith. Yet, this church remains a haven where your passion to know God and your commitment to follow Jesus Christ define you - not your vaccination status, how you voted in the last election or where you stand on LGBTQ+ marriage and ordination.

I know some of us are distressed about word that some United Methodist congregations are leaving our denomination. I ask you to remember that while some have chosen to leave, many are determined to stay. While another delay of the General Conference defers a sense of resolution for some, this congregation knows what is essential to keep moving forward in faith.

- We remain a Wesleyan congregation committed to “do no harm, do good and stay in love with God.”
- We remain a part of the United Methodist Church and wish anyone whose faith journey leads elsewhere our love and good wishes.
- We remain committed to sharing the Gospel of peace in a broken world who needs us to share what we all believe with everyone and welcome every soul seeking God, without exception.
- We remain a multi-generational, diverse congregation united in our faith and driven by hope.

As followers of Christ, we are charged with carrying the hope of the resurrection into the world. We are bearers of the good news of Jesus Christ. We are called to tear down the walls of hate, division and fear, and to be builders of an authentic, loving community. We are called to offer and restore hope where there is brokenness and pain. As baptized believers, we are called to

“renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, repent of our sin and accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.”

There is so much to unite this congregation and keep it fully occupied until the next General Conference (2024), regardless of the path other churches choose. I urge you to remain focused on what you can accomplish together in the name of Jesus Christ.

To borrow from one of my favorite hymns, “Because He lives, we can face tomorrow. Because Jesus lives, this church will face tomorrow.”

Finally, I know some members of the church have been closely following each development since the 2019 General Conference. I know others have lost track of where matters stand after repeated delays of the General Conference due to COVID-19. And I realize some of you are not as concerned about language in the Book of Discipline and denomination news as you are about discipleship and the missions to which God has called you.

For updates, clarifications and more information, [please click here to see our FAQ page on our website](#). The church will share more information over the coming months. I am praying for you and for the church as I prepare to become the District Superintendent of the Ohio River Valley of the West Ohio Conference. Thank you for all the prayers you have offered up for me and my family during our time at Church of the Saviour. I hope you'll continue to keep me in your prayers as I keep you in mine.



Peace and Love to you,

Pastor Jenn Lucas

WELCOME TO OUR NEW SENIOR PASTOR

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

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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

KIDS CORNER

- May 1** Sunday School for PreK-6th grade at 9:30a
Safe Sanctuaries Training @ 12:30p in Youth Room
Children's Spring Musical @ 5p
- May 6** Parents Night Out @ 5:30p
- May 8** Sunday School for PreK-6th grade at 9:30a
- May 15** Sunday School for PreK-6th grade at 9:30a
- May 22** Last School-year Sunday School classes for PreK-6th grade at 9:30a
- May 29** All-in Sunday



It's time for another **Parents Night Out!** Mark your calendars for **Friday, May 6, from 5:30– 8:00 pm**—a night where you can drop your kids off at the church for games and activities and you can enjoy an evening out! Kids will get gym time, pizza, and fun 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 so you can enjoy an amazing night out! [Register your child here.](#)

Summer Sunday School

The 1st Sundays of each month in summer will be All-in Sundays where families worship together (June 5, July 3, & August 5). On the other Sundays we're offering a special summer Sunday school program for children in PreK – 3rd grade at 9:30 am. They will start their morning in the sanctuary for the opening music and then get dismissed to the Youth Room for a large group lesson and small group activities.



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-6th grade that would like to participate, you can [register them here](#). Check out the [Make Waves playlist on Spotify!](#)



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 Ministry

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!



May

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

June

- 1 – Wacky Wednesday (7-8pm)
- 5 – Sunday Morning Prayer Group (9-9:30am)
- 7-12 – Youth Choir Tour
- 15 – Wacky Wednesday
- 19 – Sunday Morning Prayer Group
- 22 – Wacky Wednesday
- 26 – Sunday Morning Prayer Group
- 27-30 – Vacation Bible School

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)



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 high school seniors as they conclude this chapter of their lives in the coming months.



If you are the parent of a graduating high school senior, and you would like them to be recognized as part of our Graduation Sunday celebration, please email our Youth Pastor, Jayk Hinze, to ensure they are included in this year's celebration!

And Coming This Summer...

Wacky Wednesdays

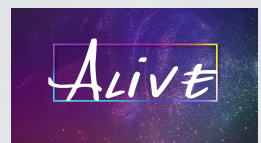
Starting June 1, all students in grades 7-12 are invited to join us for a fun activity (almost) every Wednesday evening from 7-8pm. This hour will be dedicated to games, fellowship, and making new friends! So come for the fun and bring a pal to join in on Wacky Wednesdays this summer!

Sunday Morning Prayer Group

Also starting in June (6/5), Pastor Jayk is hosting a prayer group for any interested students in grades 7-12. This group will meet before worship on Sunday mornings from 9-9:30am, and there will be donuts!

Youth Choir Tour

Each summer, our Youth Choir program goes on tour to sing, ring, and tell the story of Jesus! To learn more about our Youth Choir program and our Youth Choir Tour, please see the Music page! This year, our tour dates are June 7-12.



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 (jayk.hinze@cos-umc.org), if you have more questions!

MUSIC MINISTRY



On **Sunday, May 1** the Kids Music Ministry presented “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. [Click here](#) to watch 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!

JUNE 3, 2022 - GUEST YOUTH CHOIR FROM FIRST UMC-SMYRNA, GA

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 “THRIVE: A Worship Concert” to uplift and encourage us through 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.



JUNE 7-12, 2022 - YOUTH CHOIR TOUR

23 youth and 6 adults from Church of the Saviour leave for the 2022 Youth Choir Tour. The “Alive” tour centers on Galatians 2:20 which reads “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” During the five days, the team travels to Indiana and Illinois presenting worship concerts, serving at mission sites, diving into scripture study, building lifelong memories, and just having a great time. In the final weeks of preparation, the choir asks for congregational

prayer that the work of the Holy Spirit is in motion ahead of the actual tour. Be sure to add the Homecoming Dinner and Concert (**June 12, 2022**) to your calendar so that you can welcome all of our students and adults home. Dinner is served 5:00-6:30 pm followed by the concert at 6:30 pm.

JUNE 12, 2022 - CHURCH-WIDE BARBEQUE DINNER

On **June 12, 2022**, join us for 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 a delicious dinner and celebrate our extraordinary youth music program. All are welcome!



Finance **UPDATES**

Church of the Saviour Finance Report

This is our current 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 2024.

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

March Year to Date Financials

Income vs. Expense	2022 Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	% of Budget
Income			
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 346,421.56	\$ 363,125.52	95.40%
Other Income	\$ 621.28	\$ 622.50	99.80%
Total Income	\$ 347,042.84	\$ 363,748.02	95.41%
Total Expenses	\$ 299,219.77	\$ 363,874.86	82.23%
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 47,823.07	\$ (126.84)	



In 2021 Church of the Saviour contributed 100% of our apportionment giving. See below for an excerpt from the letter Bishop Gregory Palmer sent:

I am so grateful for your generosity and faithfulness. You have continued to make possible a myriad of ministries that we do together from leadership development and deployment to direct mission with the most vulnerable people all around us...Thank you for embodying the love and power of Jesus Christ. —Bishop Gregory Palmer

Thank you Church of the Saviour!

Mental Health Awareness Month



Dear Church of the Saviour,

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. It is a time to raise **awareness** of the importance of mental wellness in our lives, **reduce the stigma** associated with mental health issues and to **celebrate** recovery from mental illness.

Did you know...

- Nearly 1 in 5 American adults will have a diagnosable mental health condition in any given year.
- 46% Americans will meet the criteria for a diagnosable mental health condition sometime in their life, and half of those people will develop conditions by the age of 14.
- 42.5 million American adults live with an anxiety disorder, the most common mental illness.
- Over half of adults with a mental illness do not receive appropriate care, and over 60% of youth with major depression do not receive any mental health treatment.

We have collectively experienced some level of life disruption due to Covid in the past two years which affected our mental wellbeing. Yet, **particularly alarming is the trend in mental health among our nation's youth** as related to the pandemic. Researchers found that 44% of American teens felt sad or hopeless in the past 12 months and that 20% seriously considered attempting suicide. Poor mental health can greatly impact a student's academics, ability to problem solve and physical health. Mental problems among youth are associated with high-risk behaviors which can have long lasting negative

consequences into adulthood.

We should all care about mental illness because everyone faces challenges in life that could affect their psyche. Prevention with focus on mental wellbeing works. Check out these tips and tools to thrive from *Mental Health America* <https://mhanational.org/tools-2-thrive>. Treatment for mental illness is effective. People with mental disorders can and do live full and productive lives.

What can we do to Stop the Stigma and Start the Conversation about Mental Health?

1. Join me in **NAMIWalks Your Way 2022 on May 14th 9:00am at Sawyer Point.**

This event raises funds for NAMI's free programs at a time when we need it most. The event fosters awareness and provides an opportunity for people to share their stories. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Southwest Ohio provides advocacy, education, support, and public awareness so that all individuals and families affected by mental illness can build better lives. I encourage you to learn more about this top-rated organization <https://namiswoh.org/>. NAMIWalks is a powerful community builder, and we need you! Registration is free. Join the Church of the Saviour UMC: Peace House Team.



<https://www.namiwalks.org/team/48486>

Second, you are invited to a **Spring Luncheon to promote Mental Health Awareness on Sunday May**

15th 12:15pm at Church of the Saviour's Fellowship Hall hosted by UMW and COS: Peace House Ministries. Everyone, (men women and youth) is invited and childcare will be available.

This special event will feature the dynamic speaker, **Nancy Eigel-Miller, Founder and Executive Director of [1N5](#)**. After losing her husband to suicide in 2008, Nancy founded [1N5](#) (James W. Miller

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Memorial Fund). She spent her career in marketing but felt compelled to foster education about the mental health crisis and work toward normalizing the conversation about mental illness among area youth. The mission of [1N5](#) is to prevent suicide by erasing the stigma of mental illness and promoting optimal mental wellness through education and stigma reduction, community engagement, policy and advocacy, and measurement and data work.

Pastor Vicki Robinson will share about **Church of the Saviour's Peace House Ministries**.



The vision of Peace House Ministries is to see the physical, mental, and spiritual health of our community transformed by the love of Jesus Christ.

Community support groups gather regularly at the Peace House for connection and healing. Peace House Ministries aims to partner with community organizations to bring classes, special events and diverse ministry opportunities to cultivate spiritual and mental wellness and life purpose for all people. To RSVP for lunch on May 15th via the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius/umwspring>

Finally, I encourage you to check on the various weblinks that I included above. There is so much valuable information. Consider subscribing to 1N5 Newsletter or follow NAMI and 1N5 on social media. If you or a loved one are facing a mental health crisis, the **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is 1-800-273-8255**. After July 16, 2022, the phone number for the Lifeline will become **988**.

Your Friend in Christ,

Jenny Motley
United Methodist Women Co-President
Member of the Peace House Ministries Team



Who Are Stephen Ministers?

Stephen Ministers are 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. Stephen Ministers are trained but are not professional counselors. 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. At COS, Stephen Ministry is an important part of our mission of Peace House Ministries in our community.

We asked fellow COS member and Stephen Minister, Cindy Haynam, to describe her experience and growth as a Stephen Minister.



Did you have concerns or expectations when you chose to become a Stephen Minister?

Cindy: I had thought about becoming a Stephen Minister for several years and I heard God calling me to do Stephen Ministry. However, two of my expectations had held me back from joining the Stephen Ministry before:

I thought Stephen Ministers solve another person's problems and provided the answers to a care receiver's difficult questions. However, I learned during my training that Stephen Ministers are not expected to solve other person's problems. We are taught to actively listen and provide supportive care.

I didn't think I could handle dealing with another person's pain and life struggles. Stephen Ministers are empathetic, and the Stephen Minister training taught me how to be empathetic but not become overwhelmed by my care receiver's life issues – which would not be helpful to me or my care receiver.

What did you think was useful or valuable to you from your Stephen Minister training?

Cindy: I learned life skills including communication skills, finding stress outlets, and how to deal with my own stress. What I learned applies to many aspects of my life beyond my role as a Stephen Minister, such as my relationships at work and with my family.

Why is being a Stephen Minister important to you?

Cindy: I had felt lost about my true purpose in life and how to use the unique gifts God gave me. I was constantly searching for how to use my gifts. Being a Stephen Minister has been very rewarding.

What talents or spiritual gifts do you think are important for a Stephen Minister?

Cindy: I think that empathy, compassion, being a good listener, and having a loving non-judgmental heart.

If you feel moved or called to explore being a Stephen Minister or are interested in speaking with a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Vicki Robinson (791-3142 Ex 26) or Mary Hoover (513-702-5642).

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.



FC Cincinnati Soccer Game, Saturday, May 21st at 6pm. For those who have signed up we will carpool from COS at 5pm. Questions? Email Jane at jkieninger@aol.com or 513 489 6022.

Get up! Get going! Join us for the Best Burgers in Town Cookout and Concert Tuesday, June 7th, 5:30pm. We have reserved the Blue Ash Shelter in the Blue Ash Recreation Nature Center. This is one of our most popular events! All COS adults are invited! Charcoal grilled burgers are cooked by our amazing COS chefs, we all bring a delicious pot luck dish, and then at 7pm we enjoy hearing the Sycamore Community Band Music right there in the Blue Ash Amphitheater. Blue Ash Shelter is the last one from the amphitheater – the big one. It is easily attainable from the Nature Park Parking lot off Cooper Road. Look for the blue Recycling Drop off sign or the grey Nature Center Sign. Reservations are required. The \$3 per person picnic cost will again be sponsored by Rosenacker's Funeral Home. Just bring a dish to share and a lawn chair for the concert. Sign up in the Church Library with the dish you plan to bring or call Jane Kieninger at 513 489 6022. Signup Deadline: Sunday, June 1st.

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

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

(cjfohnson@gmail.com) or Nora Moushey at 513-307-5942

(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 2nd 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 or 513 410 2267. Please contact Leslie for the next date (there have been COVID cancelations).

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



Spring Gardening Fundraiser

May is the most popular gardening month of the year. Don't miss out buying your spring flowers and plants before they are gone. UMW's Spring Gardening Fundraiser is happening now until May 8th at Denny McKeown's Bloomin Garden & Landscaping Centre. UMW will receive 10% of all sales at no cost to you. Proceeds will help fund UMW missions locally and globally.

Not a gardener? You can still support us by purchasing gift cards for upcoming Spring

occasions like Mother's Day, Father's Day, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Graduations, and Teacher Appreciation gifts.

Contact Joyce Spreckelmeier at (513)470-1962.

The United Methodist Women's Rummage Sale has been

postponed. We encourage church members to donate their items to various organizations and charities. In the past, UMW members have taken items after the sale to these locations. Click on the link to see more details about each charity, their address, and donation details. The # in () is the UMW account and will receive a portion of the sale.



- [Snooty Fox](#) at Harper's Point (#23114) and Blue Ash (#20260) takes current gently used brand name clothing, shoes, purses, etc.
- Snooty Fox Furniture Den at Harper's Point (#7753) accepts like new furniture, lamps, pictures, and home decor.
- [Legacies](#) Upscale Resale & Consignment Shop (#1701) resells used top quality furniture, home accessories, jewelry, and art.
- [New Life Furniture Bank](#) collects gently used furniture and household items to provide those in need throughout Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky.
- [Matthew 25 Ministries](#) has a collection bin in COS parking lot by the barn/storage shed. It is for gently used clothing only. They also take shoes, coats, medical supplies, pill bottles, but NO FURNITURE.
- [Dress for Success Cincinnati](#) accepts new or nearly new clothing, shoes, and accessories to help women dress for interviews and work appropriate attire.
- [Wesley Education Center](#) can use infant & children's clothing, diapers, baby equipment, books, and toys. Items can be placed in the Children's Closet across from the office.

- [Bethany House Services](#) can take donations of household items and cleaning supplies.
- [Wesley Chapel Mission Center](#) can use office supplies and paper goods which can be placed in black donation bins across from COS office in the box marked WCMC.
- Small stuffed animals (the size of a beanie baby) can be dropped off in the black donation bins across from COS office in the box marked "Easter Baskets of Hope".

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.

MAY MEETING: May 17, 2022, 10am to 12 at [City Gospel Mission](#), 1805 Dalton Avenue in Cincinnati. We will enjoy social hour & lunch with the participants of Having the Courage to Change. This is a Christian based transitional housing facility for women struggling with substance abuse, repeated incarceration, homelessness, domestic violence, and mental health issues. Join us in sharing God's love.

TUESDAY: Susanna Wesley Women in Mission

Leader: Sandy King, (513) 260-4717

MAY MEETING: We plan to see each other at the all-church Spring Luncheon on May 15th hosted by UMW and COS Peace House Ministries.

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

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

MAY MEETING: May 4 & 18 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

MAY MEETING: Sunday May 15 before and after all church services, the mothers and Daughters group will hold a bake sale. Bring your labeled baked goods ready to sell. Drop off items in the church kitchen on Saturday May 14th or May 15th before 9:30am worship. Volunteers needed, please contact Pam Senefeld if interested.

CHILDREN'S CLOSET

In May and June, The Children's Closet will be collecting **SWIMSUITS** for the children and youth of [Wesley Chapel Mission Center](#). Many kids come to the center in Over the Rhine for the summer programs but without a swimsuit. Your donation allows students to participate in Christian activities and cool off in the hot summer sun! Thank you for your generosity. As always, we will continue to accept in kind donations for other groups too. Contact Jean Feldmeyer, jean.feldmeyer@yahoo.com if you have questions.



NEEDS INCLUDE: boys and girls one-piece swimsuits.

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR UMW MISSION

Support our UMW fundraising by joining this Kroger



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 (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. We would enjoy exploring these UMW Board roles with you! If you are interested in finding out more or want to peruse the written job descriptions including time commitment, please reach out to Leah Hondorf (513)304-5224 / lhondorf@yahoo.com.

To learn more, click [here for the UMW May 2022 Newsletter](#)

PIZZA &PODCASTS

with the pastor

Pizza and Podcasts with the Pastor

Thursday, May 12 @ 6:30 PM at Mio's Pizza in Blue Ash

Love to listen to podcasts?

Love connecting with others over good food and podcasts?

Join us for Podcasts, Pizza, and a Pastor! This month we will be listening to diverse understandings of Jesus, our faith, and faith into actions. The podcasts are inspiring and challenging interviews with speakers previously selected by Bishop Palmer for the West Ohio Conference leadership clinics. Over dinner, we order our own food to our liking and conversation about our reflections, what challenged us, and how we might grow in our faith together.

Sign up now and to get links to our selected podcasts! Listen before dinner so you can bring your thoughts, stories, and ideas with you to dinner. [To get the three podcasts and reserve your seat, please click here!](#)

Questions? Contact Pastor Vicki Robinson at vicki.robinson@cos-umc.org.

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR STAFF

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KNOW WHO TO ASK—CONTACT ANY STAFF MEMBER AT ANY TIME!**

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MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS—2022 CONFIRMATION CLASS:



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