

The Visitor



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Greetings friends,

The analogy I used in last month's newsletter that my immersion into Church of the Master and Westerville was like drinking from a firehose has proven to be true! It has been a whirlwind first month serving as your pastor, and I must admit, I am LOVING IT! I've enjoyed the opportunity to meet with all of the staff both as a group and individually several times. I've gotten to meet some of the lay leadership in one-on-one settings as well. And I've witnessed the incredible efforts and results of all that went into VBS and DayCamp. I've met with some community leaders, and have also had the honor of presiding at the funerals of two saints from the church. And that does not even count being with you all in worship for six weeks as of this writing. Time flies when you're having fun!

My plan is to continue listening and observing as I attend committee meetings and ministries and talking with various people in the congregation. I will continue to soak it all in as long as the sponge that is my brain can absorb it. I also plan to continue expanding my conversations outside the congregation and into the community to help me understand our place and role in the larger Westerville community. These conversations and observations will help me be a better pastor with you going forward.

Lynn and I really appreciate your thoughtful words and the kindnesses offered as we moved into the parsonage and have been adjusting to life there. The meals that have been offered to us have been greatly appreciated since Lynn continues to recuperate from her ankle injuries and the subsequent knee issues that have followed. Thanks also to April and Dave, who have taken care of the lawn for us until we get our house in Reynoldsburg sold. The good news is that that house is in contract and we hope to close by the end of August.

So, while much is still in "transition," here is what I know. I am amazed at the love and graciousness with which we have been welcomed and truly thank you from the bottom of my heart. I feel like I'm learning names pretty steadily but realize that I have a long way to go, so please bear with me with use of name tags or just reintroducing yourselves. I promise I'll get them all eventually! I am also overwhelmed by the vastness of the ministry that is done in and by this church. You are a people who truly have a love for God's people in your hearts that you live out in your lives, and I applaud that.

Back to school is nearly upon us and within a couple of weeks Otterbein will be back in session, which I know will create an entirely different buzz around here. I look forward to that! So I would ask that you be in prayer for all of the students within the congregation as they return to school in the coming weeks and for the Otterbein students as they return to or come to campus for the first time. Be in prayer for all the ways we might be able to connect with students who need a safe church home away from home while they're here and how we might be that church home. And pray for how we might all live into the calling God has placed on all of us to be welcoming, loving, and gracious in our living and our giving for the mission of the church.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jay

CONGREGATIONAL UPDATES

Welcome Pastor Jay and Lynn!

We know that you're all anxious to get to know Pastor Jay and Lynn better and we'd like to share some ways that you can do that. We are making plans to include the Anderson's in some already established groups and then make plans for other special welcome opportunities. Some existing groups that we'd like to include are supper clubs, youth group, choir, UM Women and college youth group. There may be other groups as well that fall in this category.

We'd also like to ask for several volunteers that would be willing to host a small group reception or dinner at your home. These would be set up at a specific time to be determined by you in coordination with the Anderson's and we'd allow other members of the congregation to sign up in advance.

If you are a coordinator for one of these groups or are willing to host an event in your home, please send an email to the church office at office@chmaster.org or call Amy Heaton at 614-307-7432 to discuss your timing. We'd like to plan these events to begin in September and expect to run through October.

Thanks for your willingness to participate!

SPRC

Are you unable to make it to church for worship sometimes? You can always listen to Pastor Jay's sermons online! Head to our website (chmaster.org) and click the link at the top to listen to last week's sermon, or check out the archive on the right after you click on the most recent sermon to hear previous sermons.



CONGREGATIONAL UPDATES

We Need Greeters!

Would you enjoy meeting and greeting people as they enter church for Sunday worship? If so, please email Becky Watson at bkelley0@yahoo.com to get your name added to the list of greeters. Once you are on the list, you can choose the dates that work best for you. You can sign up by yourself, with family or with friends!

We are also looking for greeters for special events at Church of the Master, like funerals, concerts, special worship services, etc. If you are interested in being an "Event Greeter" on an as needed basis, please contact Kristina in the office at office@chmaster.org.



Arf! Arf! Arf! Sounds like the stuffed dogs are ready to get out again. In the last four years our church, with the help of Otterbein students, have given away over 1600 stuffed dogs to the YWCA Family Shelter in Columbus. It's wonderful to see the faces of the littles ones as they receive something they can hug, love and be their own. There is going to be a brown bag lunch on Thursday, August 22, at 12:00 p.m. for those who work on this project and especially for those wishing to join. Dessert and beverages will be provided. If you have dogs ready to stuff or ready to go, please bring them. Any questions? Call Carol Shackson at 740-648-5066.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Our prayers and condolences are with the family of Edwinna Cheek-Ely, who passed away on Saturday, July 6, 2019.

Our prayers and condolences are also with the family of Mary Cay Wells, who passed away on Wednesday, July 24, 2019.

A note of thanks from Amy Levine:

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the cards, food, phone calls, prayers and kind words during my recovery from knee surgery. Knowing that so many cared about my healing helped me feel so much better. Sincerely, Amy Levine

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & SPIRITUAL INFORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday School

The Gathering – Join us each week in the Fellowship Hall as we discuss a variety of contemporary topics. You are always welcome to come and go as your schedule permits. We love to be in conversation and community as we seek to deepen our relationship with God and with one another. Come with your hearts and your minds open to experience the richness of community.

Seekers – Do you seek out a variety of tools for your spiritual formation? If so, then the Seeker's Sunday School Class may be for you. This group utilizes a variety of methods for engaging in transformative spiritual exploration. You can expect traditional Bible studies as well as studying theologians and spiritual leaders. No pre-registration required, simply show up.

Connections – Connecting our lives to the ancient biblical scripture is the focus of this Sunday School class. Each week we read scripture together and ponder the meaning of God's Holy Word in our lives and the lives of the world around us. Interested? Simply show up with your Bible!

All Sunday School classes meet Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Looking for a short-term summer adult Sunday school class? Join us, as you are able, to explore the Book of Revelation with biblical scholar Bruce Metzger in his book *Breaking the Code*. Based on current research, Metzger helps readers understand the beautiful and bewildering passages in Revelation. Each session will start with a short video summary, and then we will continue with discussion. If you have questions, please contact Debi Wilson or Josh Flory for more information at joshflory2@gmail.com.



Supper Clubs Are Back in Action!

A supper club is a chance to gather in fellowship over a yummy meal with other families in our Church of the Master community. We offer groups for young families, adults only, groups that prefer restaurants, groups that prefer home cooking and serving, etc. If you're interested in joining a supper club and haven't been assigned to one yet, contact Kristina in the church office at office@chmaster.org.

MISSIONS

WHP (Westerville Habitat Partnership) WALLS

BUILD – August 16 and 17 @ Otterbein's The Point,
60 Collegeview Rd. **Friday, August 16, 5:00-7:00**

p.m. – To help prepare and cut the lumber for the Walls Build. All tools provided. Experience with a table saw is strongly encouraged. Pizza & beverages provided.

Saturday, August 17, 7:30 a.m - 12:00 p.m.

Children are welcome with a parent. What to bring and wear: Closed toe shoes, hat, sunscreen, water bottle. Tools and guidance provided! There will be snacks and water to refill bottles.

Many spots available. We need YOU! Sign up on the Sign-Up Genius. If you're not into swinging a hammer, there are spots available for support staff. The link is available on the WHP Facebook page and at westervillehabitat.org or contact Frankie Exley or Josh Flory and we can help you sign up.

MANY THANKS to all who helped make Tapestry of a Town a success – those who hosted, those who shared their musical talent and all who purchased tickets and made donations. It wouldn't have happened without you. Thank you! A total of \$5,321.00 was earned from Tapestry of a Town which will go to Delaware/Union Co. Habitat for Humanity to build homes.

*****PLEASE NOTE - The Walls Build will now be INSIDE with AC at The Point!!**

Uptown
Westerville



NNEMAP (Near Northside Emergency Material Assistance Program) Update

We are now able to resume collection of donations for NNEMAP thanks to Marilyn Rogers who will deliver the donations to the pantry. NNEMAP needs for July are: bottled water, dog food, cat food, toilet paper and hygiene items.

MISSIONS



June 25, 2019

Church of the Master UMC
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Dear Church of the Master,

Thank you for your generous contribution to the One Day's Wages campaign to support water, sanitation, and hygiene education projects in San Agustin and El Llano. Your gift of \$3,500 on 2/28/2019 made directly to One Day's Wages will empower 319 rural Nicaraguans to build a piped water system and 32 latrines to improve the health of those who live there.

The projects will get started right away, and these changes will decrease workloads and illness, increase school attendance, and ensure continued access to clean water.

Residents like Ana Delia (right) of El Llano can't wait to get started. Ana Delia: "We don't have a latrine at my house; we have to go to my mother's house to use her latrine that's old. It's important to have your own latrine for hygiene and so that you can use it whenever you need."

Benarda (right) from San Agustin is excited to have piped water in her community. At present, their water situation is terrible. Bernarda: "We drink dirty water. I have to strain it to drink it. It's been so long since we had water in our community. We try to keep the spring clean, but the water still comes out dirty."

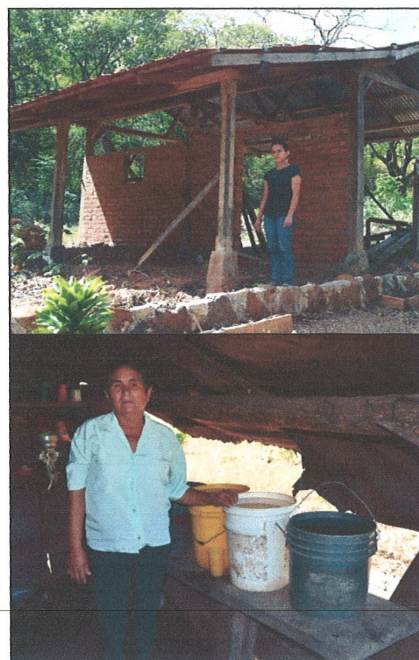
Your letter or email for tax purposes came directly from One Day's Wages, but we want to thank you as well. We truly appreciate your generosity and shared commitment to the people of Nicaragua; together, we are making a difference.

In gratitude,

JESaldana

Jenna Saldana
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So much of the success of this campaign was thanks to you and your congregation! We thank you for your partnership. These projects are beginning now the campaign is complete.



C H I L D R E N ' S M I N I S T R Y

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A HUGE thank you to all who helped to make VBS, Day Camp and Survivor a great success! This is truly a church wide effort. Thank you to all who donated supplies, prepared decorations, and helped move supplies to and from Sugarbush. A special thank you to all listed below who served as leaders and teachers. We had 108 children participate across all three programs! The children spent the week learning that even when life is unfair, scary, sad or changing, God is good!



Kirstin Antonaros	Jenny Freshly	Kitty Laurich	Julie Porretta
Marielle Beach	Sabrina Freshly	Pei Hsiu MacKenzie	Heather Rodwell
Nick Bowman	Jan Hamann	Seth Milum	Sarah Rodwell
Jackson DeBolt	Barb Hinton	Angela Milum	Gloria Rogers
Marie Dilley	Cindy Hughes	Bev Pancoast	Marilyn Rogers
Mark Dilley	Martha Jagucki	Brandon Pate	Cathi Shaw
Cathy Eifert	Justina Johnson	Laura Pate	Shohaam Singh
Courtney Fleming	Lynnea Johnson	Emily Patterson	Ben Driscoll
Erin Flory	Lucy Kelly	Sophia Patterson	Robbe Sutliff
Josh Flory	Chelsea Korfel	Ainsley Patterson	Melody Tolle
Gabby Freshly	Diane LaHue	Barb Piper	Jenny Vanden Eynden
Kelsey Vilanova	Becky Watson	Dennis Piper	Judy Thomas

M&Ms (Music & The Masters) Pool Party



Join us Thursday, August 8 from 5:30-8:00pm at the Annehurst Pool for our annual M&Ms Pool Party. The church will supply hot dogs, buns, condiments, paper products and drinks. Families are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Cost will be \$5 for each swimmer. Please let Erin Flory know by Tuesday, August 6 if you are attending so we'll have enough hot dogs and drinks!



August 11 is Blessing of the Backpacks and Rally Day

All students are invited to bring their backpacks to worship on Sunday, August 11 for our annual blessing of the backpacks. All children are welcome to join us during the 9:30 Sunday School hour as we celebrate the beginning of the school year with donuts and fruit. We will also celebrate all those who participated in the Summer Bible Bingo Challenge. Students will move up to their new classes for the school year on this day.

Rainbows and Dewdrops

Rainbows and Dewdrops are children's church programs held during the 11:00am worship service. Rainbows is for children in 1st through 3rd grade while Dewdrops is for 3 year olds through Kindergartners. These programs allows parents the opportunity to worship without distractions while allowing their children time to fellowship and learn about God in an age-appropriate environment. All children are invited to begin the worship service with their families, participate in the Children's Moment during the service, and then to follow the teachers to the classrooms. Dewdrops is held in Room 8 downstairs and Rainbows is held in Room 17 upstairs.

9:30 Sunday School

During the summer, our Beginners Class and nursery have been combined. On August 11th, all children 3 years through 5th graders will celebrate the beginning of the school year together during the Sunday School hour. On August 18th, the regular fall Sunday School schedule will resume. All children 3 years through 5th grade are invited to meet in the Movie Room at 9:30 for fellowship and singing. The Beginners Class (preschool and kindergarten) will then head to Room 8 for their lessons. The Disciples class will head to Room 17. We look forward to learning and growing together!

Volunteer Opportunity

We are in need to volunteers with a heart for children to serve as teachers for the 2019-2020 school year. Most commitments are just once a month and all lessons are provided. Would you be willing to serve as a teacher, assistant or substitute this school year? We are in need of volunteers for both the 9:30 Sunday School hour and also at 11:00 with Rainbows and Dewdrops. Please let Erin Flory (children@chmaster.org) know if you are able to help!

Save the Date!

M&Ms will begin Thursday, September 5th. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back for another great year!



Kids in Mission

The children of VBS, Day Camp and Survivor donated items for snack packs for families who are staying at the Ronald McDonald House. The Survivor campers packaged and delivered 476 bags! Thank you so much for your generous support and for teaching our children to have a heart for mission.

Church of the Master Youth News

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Sunday Youth Ministry Opportunities

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL:

9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to get LinCed into Sunday School. We will be offering 2 classes—Middle School & High School on Sunday Mornings. The High school will meet in the Green Youth Room and the Middle School will meet in the Blue Youth room (both downstairs in the Fellowship Hall!)



U2 SUMMER FUN!

All Rising 4th Graders– Rising 7th graders are invited to join us for our “Tween” group U2. This will be our final U2 with the rising 7th graders!



U2 @ Highland's Aquatic Center

Friday, August 9th 6:00– 8:00 p.m.

We will meet at Highlands for an evening of swimming before school starts back up. Cost will be \$6/person (unless you have a pass for the pool then it is free). Please bring extra \$\$ for a snack if you want one. Please RSVP to Bev via e-mail (bev@chmaster.org) or call /text (330-416-4656) by Thursday, August 8.

Youth Canoe Trip

Sunday, August 11th noon- 5:30(ish)

Cost: \$15/person

All youth (rising 6th grade – Class of 2019) are invited to canoe with the Youth down in the Hocking Hills. We will meet after 11:00 a.m. worship in the Fellowship Hall. (Bring your lunch!) Younger siblings are welcome to join in as long as a parent is attending the trip. Please let Bev know by Wednesday, August 7 if you are going to join us. To participate youth will need a current youth permission form and family registration form on file, as well as a Hocking Hills Canoe Livery form which will be available outside the church office door. Things to know about our canoe trip:

- Leave valuables at home
- Use straps on glasses if you don't want to lose them
- Must wear shoes, strap-on sandals are recommended
- No bare feet • Bring a change of clothes and a towel
- Bring insect repellent and/or sunscreen
- Bring a drink (water is a good idea)
- All youth must wear a life jacket!!



Church of the Master Youth News



Youth Family
Picnic

Youth Family Picnic

Sunday, August 18, 5:30 p.m.-7:30p.m.

Heritage Park Antrim Shelter- Westerville

All youth families (grades 6-12) are invited to join us for a picnic to kick off the 2019-2020 school year. It will be a great time to reconnect with old and new friends after summer and welcome our new families to our youth program. We will provide beverages and meat for grilling. We are asking families to bring

sides or desserts. Please let Bev know how many from your family are coming by Friday, August 16.

Youth Kick-Off Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, August 25 4:00 p.m. -6:30 p.m.

All Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for a Scavenger Hunt around Westerville. Teams will be split by middle school and high school and will each have an adult who will take them around town to take pictures/videos. We will come back together to eat pizza and share our photos and fun! If you have a phone / iPod/etc. that you can take pictures with, bring it with you. We will ask teams to send them back to Bev at church and she will

upload them all so we can see the pictures/videos while we are eating pizza & ice cream sundaes. Adult help is needed to drive teams around, and help get food set up and served. Please let Bev know if you can help!

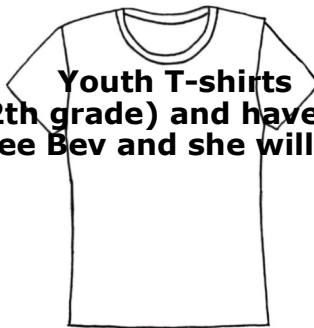


Confirmation

The next Confirmation Class will be offered in the 2019-2020 school year. It is open to our 7th and 8th graders. Look for more information as we head into September.

Youth T-shirts

If you are a youth (rising 6th-12th grade) and have not received a forest green youth shirt yet, see Bev and she will get you one.



Campus Ministry News



New Student Plunge

Saturday, August 24, 9:15 am-noon(ish)

We will be hosting Otterbein students here at Church of the Master on their annual fall service day. If you are interested in helping, please contact Bev Pancoast. (Email: bev@chmaster.org or call/text 330-416-4656.)

Monday Morning Coffee Ministry (MMCM)

Monday Mornings, 7:15-9:30 a.m., beginning August 26

As Otterbein students are beginning a new school year, so is MMCM! We are in need of people to join our coffee team. If you are interested in talking to Otterbein students and drinking coffee (or tea/hot cocoa) then this is a great ministry to join. Contact Bev Pancoast to join this hospitality ministry! (Email: bev@chmaster.org or call/text 330-416-4656.)



We're collecting drink carriers for MMCM!

If you are getting beverages from a restaurant and you get a drink carrier, would you bring it to church for our Coffee ministry? We have a growing number of students who stop to get coffee for a friend when they get theirs and then have a challenge to carry them without spilling. Look for the tub outside the office where you can drop off your reusable drink carriers.



Crossroads is moving!

Beginning Wednesday, August 28, Crossroads will be moving to the Otterbein Chapel for it's new day/time. We will be meeting on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. For more information contact Lucy Kelly, Campus Ministry Intern.

Mark Your calendars:

Saturday, September 21st Otterbein Homecoming

Tuesday, October 22nd Fall spaghetti Dinner for Otterbein students, faculty, & staff

*Meetings and activities are subject to change.

MEETING AND ACTIVITIES- AUGUST 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> 11:00 a.m. Mary Cay Wells Funeral	<u>3</u> 9:00 a.m. Farmer's Market 5:00 p.m. Kid's Night In
<u>4</u> 8:30 a.m. Casual Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service 	<u>5</u> 10:00 a.m. Monday Volunteer Work Crew 10:00 a.m. Quilting	<u>6</u> 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 6:45 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. SPRC Meeting	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> 5:30 p.m. M&M Pool Party	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> 9:00 a.m. Farmer's Market
<u>11</u> RALLY DAY! 8:30 a.m. Casual Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service 12:00 p.m. Youth Canoe Trip	<u>12</u> 10:00 a.m. Monday Volunteer Work Crew	<u>13</u> 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 6:45 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> 9:00 a.m. Farmer's Market
<u>18</u> 8:30 a.m. Casual Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service 12:00 p.m. Youth Family Picnic	<u>19</u> 10:00 a.m. Monday Volunteer Work Crew	<u>20</u> 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 6:45 p.m. Boy Scouts	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> 12:00 p.m. Dog Maker's Brown Bag Lunch	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> 9:00 a.m. Farmer's Market 9:45 a.m. UMW Board Meeting 10:00 a.m. Otterbein New Student Plunge
<u>25</u> 8:30 a.m. Casual Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service 5:00 p.m. Youth Kick-Off Scavenger Hunt	<u>26</u> 9:00 a.m. Aerobics 10:00 a.m. Monday Volunteer Work Crew 7:00 p.m. Telecare	<u>27</u> 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 6:45 p.m. Boy Scouts	<u>28</u> 9:00 a.m. Aerobics 12:30 p.m. Otterbein Choir Rehearsal	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> 12:30 p.m. Otterbein Choir Rehearsal	<u>31</u> 9:00 a.m. Farmer's Market