

# RENEW

Official Newsletter of Church of the Master



## A Letter from the Pastor:

by Pastor Jay Anderson

I could NEVER have imagined when I submitted the newsletter article last month about being lost, that this month we would be dealing with all of this coronavirus shutdown and that we would ALL be experiencing feelings of being lost in one way or another. Yet, here we are. At this writing we have had two weeks of video worship and are working on putting together week three. We had our staff meeting this week using Zoom video-conferencing, April and David are getting the building so clean and disinfected that I would think a germ has no chance of surviving in here, and the only thing I can hear in my office are the rattling of the radiator and the hum of the vacuum cleaner. This is a strange new world we're living in.

This lostness, this wondering what's next, I imagine is kind of what the disciples were feeling in the aftermath of Jesus' crucifixion. They just couldn't imagine, even after having been warned in advance that it was coming, that Jesus would die, leaving them to pick up the pieces of his ministry. They didn't know what to do or how to react. Depending on which of the four Gospels you read, various disciples responded in fear, others by going back to what was normal for them - fishing - and still others headed out of town. We all react to crises in different ways, some more healthy than others.

We're trying to do what is normal for us, doing what we know how to do, and that is ministry. Ministry, however, is taking on new forms, being done in new ways, and looks radically different from "normal" while also

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trying to maintain some semblance of a familiar pattern for all of us. So we've kept our "normal" worship order in place even as we have created the components of worship with "viewers" in mind rather than "people in the pews." We have sought to bring familiar music for you to hear and, hopefully, sing along with, even as we have had to record those songs weeks in advance because gathering restrictions continue to tighten from where we were just a week ago. And we have sought to keep our kids, YOUR kids, engaged by putting together a video M&Ms program on Thursday evenings - just like normal - and Sunday School lessons on Sunday morning, along with Youth hangouts and lunch bunch, pre-school singing, and other things.

So, as everything around us seems to change, day by day, trying to keep something normal and reliable is an important part of what helps to build and maintain community. That is what all of our staff are trying to do right now.

I wish I could tell you when we'll be able to worship together, in person, again, but we just don't know. I know we're going to defer to safety and healthfulness over anything else. We will come back together when it is safe to do so, not before. We know it won't be before Easter (so we're working on what Holy Week video worship will look like right now) and it is conceivable that it might not be until May or later. But we will hang in there together, caring and praying for one another. I take strength in daily bible reading (five verses a day if not more), and prayer (five times a day saying at least "Thank you" if nothing else,) as we learned in Adam Hamilton's book, "The Walk." I have been trying to reach out to some of our more vulnerable members and those who we know don't have email or internet access in order to check on them, and I encourage you to reach out to others as well. If you're part of a Sunday School class, a Supper Club, a musical or some other group why not give the other members a call, one or two a day, just to make sure everyone's okay? If you need prayer, let us know that! If you need groceries or something like that, we have people who have volunteered to help with those things, just let us know.

A couple of helpful hints. As I indicated in a previous email, much of our staff are doing more of their work remotely rather than physically being in the office, so if you need to reach someone emailing is the best method. You can still call the office and leave a voice mail and we'll make sure that it gets to the correct person, but that is only checked once a day. I've received many, many emails and notes from many of you telling how appreciative you are of the video worship, and I have passed that on to our staff. THANK YOU! A few of you have also asked about how to get your offerings to us. Please put them in the mail to us if you can, since the building is closed to all but staff at this point. You can also give online through our website's DONATE button, which will take you to a secure PayPal site. Or, you can arrange for ACH or electronic fund transfer from your bank to automatically transfer funds from your account to the church on whatever schedule you currently give. If you have questions about that, reach out to Bill Ruff, our Financial Secretary, at [finance@chmaster.org](mailto:finance@chmaster.org) and he will be happy to answer any questions.

Bottom line, this is a time like we have never seen, but we have our faith and our faith family both to fall back on and to lift us up. We worship a God who is with us in all things, at all times, and who desires only the best for us, and we will get through this together and be made even stronger in the process. I continue to lift you up in prayer every day and look forward to the day that we all gather in our beautiful sanctuary to worship God together. Amen!

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Jay

# Church of the Master Office

## Staying Connected

by Amber Johnson

As we strive to stay connected with each other in this time of social distancing and quarantining due to COVID-19, there are many community resources available to lend a helping hand. I received an email from my daughter's preschool with a plethora of community resources I thought would be beneficial to share. Here is the link to a Covid-19 Pandemic Resource List: <https://www.pdf.investintech.com/preview-frames.php?id=WGMxUkVjRVMxVTZgTTBFZ25yOFhwbEY0SWZDNmICbERtZE1xVGRSWkdY2J3empNcWtINnQ5dFFzdFMwMGJcVZBUTB6WCsxUTJNUWF5UVBKNHJQMhMveWN3VDJOVmJDVHI6OERzU3FxT2IUR0I1VjlyQlR0NHM3QjdZSmdKZ0w=>

Are you in need? There are several congregation members that have graciously volunteered to pick up groceries and essential items for anyone who may need it during this time. For anyone needing a hand, please call the office (614)-882-2153 or email: [office@chmaster.org](mailto:office@chmaster.org) and I will be glad to set this service up for you with one of the volunteers.



## Additional Resources

Temporary Pandemic Child Care Programs:

Beginning Thursday, March 26, only child care programs with a Temporary Pandemic Child Care license will be permitted to operate in Ohio, serving only [essential workers](#) defined by the state with priority for key health and safety occupations.

[Action for Children's website](#) hosts information for families including an **interactive map** of the ODJFS-approved Temporary Pandemic Child Care programs in Franklin and the surrounding counties. Action for Children's will update the map twice daily as the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services approves new programs and some programs request removal. As of Tuesday evening, ODJFS has approved licenses for **172 Pandemic Child Care programs in Franklin County** (220 in the Central Ohio region). Families can also submit a help request online or call our specialists at **614-224-0222, ext. 299**, for help connecting with a provider.

**Please refer families and employers that might need Temporary Pandemic Child Care to Action for Children's Homepage:** <https://www.actionforchildren.org/>.

**Franklin County Alerts:** Please sign up to receive local COVID-19 updates and alerts by texting "COVID19FC" to **888777**.

**REMEMBER: Prevent the spread of COVID-19!**

wash your hands – cover your cough - practice social distancing – stay home!

# Congregation Updates

# Congregational Care

by Michele Beach

Although many of you know me, you may not know that I have taken on the volunteer position of Congregational Care Coordinator. Although many of our activities are on hold, we are still all part of the congregation at Church of the Master and should be continuing to pray for each other. I know that many of our older members who are unable to go out could also use a card or call of encouragement during this time. I would encourage you to use your directory to make a few calls or send a few cards each week to someone who comes to mind in our congregation. If you do not have a directory, let me know and I will try and send one out to you.

Another part of our ministry that is still happening is the Telecare Ministry. During the last week of March, you should have received a call to check in on you, update you on church news, and let us know if you have any prayer concerns. If you did not receive a call and would like to, please contact me at 614-975-7164 or [beachml@gmail.com](mailto:beachml@gmail.com) and I will make sure that you are added to our list.

Also, if you have any other ideas to help us remain connected and care for one another during this unusual time, I would love to hear your ideas! Keep praying for our members, our county, and our world.



## Prayer Buddy

by Tiffany McGinnis

The Bible instructs us to "Love your neighbor as yourself" but who exactly is my neighbor? Here's your opportunity to get to know a church "neighbor" better - become a **Prayer Buddy**. Church of the Master is organizing a prayer buddy program for congregation members age 2-102 to connect with a buddy over snail mail, e-mail and/or text messages. Send your name, home address, e-mail address and/or phone number [whatever way(s) you personally want to communicate] to Tiffany McGinnis at [tiftt\\_23@hotmail.com](mailto:tiftt_23@hotmail.com) and you will be partnered randomly with a member of our church.



## Endowment News

by Greg Shaw

The Church of the Master Endowment Sub-committee recently consulted with the West Ohio Council on Development and made the proposal to move our endowment fund investments from a small investment firm to their Endowment Program. The Conference Investment Committee oversees the investment of local church endowment funds and is guided by policies that seek the best returns while providing socially responsible investing. Our Finance Committee authorized sending this recommendation to our Administrative Council which voted in March to initiate the transfer of our endowment fund investments. Instead of using a self-managed model, our funds will now be invested in a larger pool under the guidance of the Conference Investment Committee and managed by The Huntington National Bank. Our account will remain completely autonomous with the ability to deposit and withdraw at our discretion.

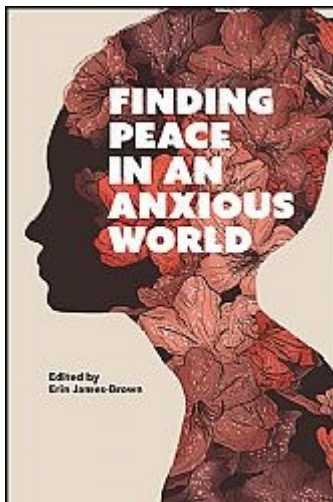
Please contact Neil Stutz, Treasurer, or Greg Shaw, Finance Chair, if you have any questions or want more information about our endowment program.



# Mission U is Coming!

by Kim Hoessly

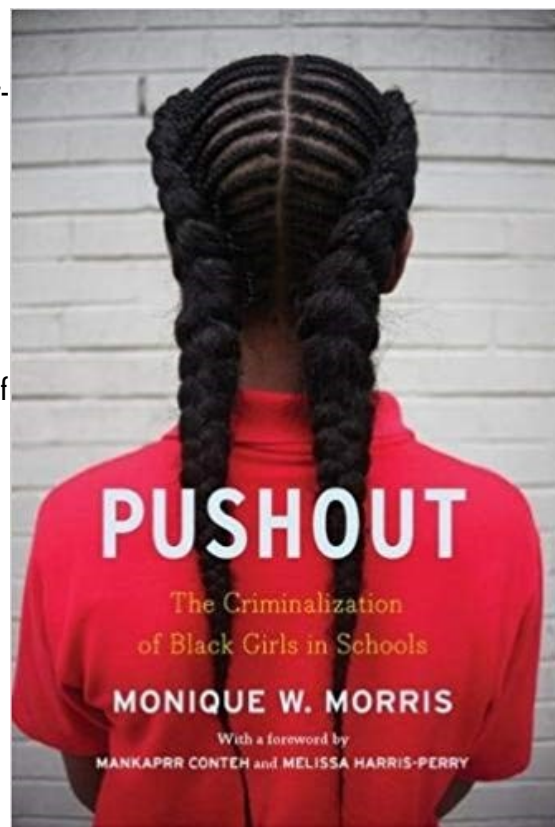
United Methodist Women's premier educational event is returning to Otterbein University this summer, July 16-19. Held right in our backyard, local participants have the option of staying on campus or commuting. Attendees, women and men, girls and boys, can come for the 4 day event or the one day sampler on Saturday. There will also be a 4-day Youth Program (7-12) and 4-day Children's Program (K-6). The Daily Worship Services are Thursday-Saturday at Church of the Master and all are welcome to attend.



The Studies this year are based on the books Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools by Monique W. Morris and Finding Peace In An Anxious World edited by Erin James-Brown. The Youth Study is Managing Anxiety and the Children's Study is Managing Our Emotions both by Trudy Rankin and Faye Wilson. At Mission U, participants study current issues impacting society, with particular attention to the responsibilities of women in fulfilling the mission work of the church. It provides an opportunity for all to grow in faith, hope, and love in action. Both members and non-

members of UMW are encouraged to attend. CEU Credits for clergy and lay servants are available for participation. Contact the Certification Board for verification.

Scholarships are available from the District and Conference for first time attendees and general financial aid is available from the Church of the Master United Methodist Women. You can pick up information and registration forms in the back hallway next to the nursery or find more information plus online registration at <https://www.westohioumw.org/mission-u>. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Kim Hoessly at [khoessly@columbus.rr.com](mailto:khoessly@columbus.rr.com) or ph/txt at 614-537-8596.



## Sarah Circle

### A Note from Barb Piper

Sarah Circle is postponing our April meeting until a later date. Also, the [April 4th](#) UMW District meeting has been cancelled. Please be safe and call one of our members if you need anything or would just like to talk.

# Children's Ministry

by Erin Flory

## M&Ms News

Join us for "Virtual M&Ms" on Thursday evenings! Miss Kitty, Miss Di, and Miss Erin and Miss Lucy put together a virtual M&Ms program to allow your family to continue to participate in M&Ms during this time when we are not able to physically be together. We hope your family will tune in for music, celebrations and a Bible lesson each week. We also include a link for the Deep Blue video connecting to our lesson for the week, suggested activities that the children can do at home with their families, and a special preschool story from Miss Julie. The M&Ms video for the week is e-mailed to families each Thursday. If you are not currently receiving these e-mails and would like to be included, please e-mail Erin Flory ([children@chmaster.org](mailto:children@chmaster.org)) to be added to the list.

### **M&Ms Topics for April**

April 2 Palm Sunday  
April 9 Jesus Breaks the Bread  
April 16 Easter  
April 23 Emmaus  
April 30 Thomas Believes



### **Deep Blue Adventures App**

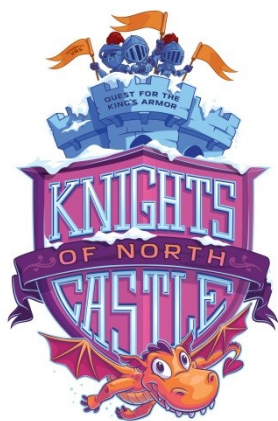
Check out the Deep Blue Adventures app! Kids can watch videos and play games that connect to their weekly Bible lessons during M&Ms. Unfortunately, the app is only available for Apple products. If you have an Android device, look for the link to the video in the weekly M&Ms email.



### **Trapped at home? Join the VBS Decorating Team!**

Calling all Pinterest fans! Join the VBS decorating team! Let's take advantage of this time at home to start working on decorations for our Knights of North Castle VBS this summer. Please let Erin Flory ([children@chmaster.org](mailto:children@chmaster.org)) know if you can join our team. We will plan a virtual meeting in early April to get our ideas together.





# Church of the Master Invites You to Join Us for VBS, Day Camp, and Survivor Camp July 20-24, 2020



This year our theme is **The Knights of North Castle**. Together we will learn to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power by exploring how we put on the armor of God. Kids will discover different pieces of armor at work in the lives of

familiar Bible characters. They will also explore how that armor works in their own lives as they follow and serve God. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, devour yummy treats, create fun crafts, explore amazing science experiments, and serve God through mission projects. And if that is not enough, campers at Sugarbush will also get to enjoy the fun of traditional camping activities such as hiking, campfires, cookouts, and creeking!

Survivor is our Day Camp component for rising 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Besides discovering that God is good even when life is wild, campers will have the opportunity to "Out Love. Out Grow. Out Serve." Everything we do at Survivor is "Super-Sized" for extra Middle School Youth fun. Our week long schedule will include the following: Bible study, crafts, off-site trips, cookouts, pizza, creeking, mission projects, making ice cream, and much, much, more!!

## **We offer three different, yet similar programs:**

### **Vacation Bible School**

for children 3 years – 5 years (or entering K in the Fall of 2020)  
at Church of the Master, 24 N. Grove St., Westerville, OH  
9:00 a.m. – Noon

### **Day Camp**

for children entering grades 1-5  
at Camp Sugarbush  
9:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

### **Survivor Camp**

for children entering grades 6, 7 & 8  
at Camp Sugarbush  
9:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.



## **Costs:**

VBS: \$25.00      Day Camp: \$35.00  
Survivor: \$55.00  
Partial scholarships are available.

*Maximum cost cap of \$70.00 for children in the same family attending VBS and/or Day Camp. (Survivor Camp is not included in this cap.)*

## **Registration:**

Registration forms are available in the church office and on the church website ([chmaster.org](http://chmaster.org)).

**Registration Deadline: July 13, 2020**

Please mail the completed forms, along with payment to:

Church of the Master, 24 N. Grove St., Westerville, OH 43081, Attn: VBS



# Next Generation Ministries

## Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)

by Bev Pancoast

In our current Covid-19 “Stay at Home” status, Church of the Master Youth Ministries are still happening, just in a different way! We are using “Zoom” to see each other’s faces and connect with each other. If you need a link to the meeting and don’t get the email you can call or text Bev Pancoast at (330)416-4656.

### Sunday Evening Youth Group Time:

**April 5, 12, & 26**

**7:00 p.m.**

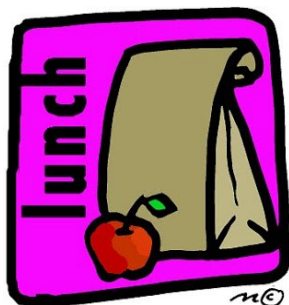
All Youth in Grades 6-12 are invited to join us for our Youth Gathering. We will play a game or two, and then have a short lesson. Look for the email with the link to the meet up.

### Thursday Evening Youth Meetings

**April 2, 9, 18, 23, & 30**

**7:00 p.m.**

All youth are invited to this youth group time together. We will share Pows and Wow and a short devotional. Look for the email with the link to the meet up.



### Tuesday “Lunch Bunch”

**April 7, 14, 21, & 28**

**12:30 p.m.**

All Youth are invited to join in this fellowship time together.

Look for the email with the link to the meet up.

**If the “Stay at Home” mandate is lifted, the youth will begin meeting together again in our regular Thursday and Sunday slots!**

### Confirmation Class Update

The Confirmation Class lessons will be recorded and the You Tube Link will be sent to our Confirmands and mentors. We will give you a chance to complete the lessons and then we will have Zoom meet ups to talk about the lessons. Look for emails with further instructions from Bev & Pastor Jay.

### Reach Update

**June 21-27, 2020 Gettysburg, PA**

We are still a “go” with Reach 2020. The year round staff is keeping their eyes on what is happening around the country and will make decisions about the summer programs with the health and safety of the participants and communities .



## Class of 2020 Graduates

Attention high school and college graduates. We will be celebrating you in worship on Graduate Recognition Sunday (currently scheduled for 5/ 24). If we are not worshipping in person by this date we will adjust our schedule accordingly. In the meantime can you send the following pictures to me ([bev@chmaster.org](mailto:bev@chmaster.org)):

High School: a baby picture, a senior picture, family picture.

College: Current picture

Please send pictures by May 1, 2020

## Family Reunion Luncheon

This Annual Youth sponsored luncheon will be rescheduled once we are worshipping together in person again. It will truly be a homecoming!

## Movies with a Message:

I am hearing about families having “Movie Nights” to watch movies together. Here are a few we have used over the years with our confirmation class/ Youth Group that would be great to add to your family time while we are all staying at home.

### **Simon Birch- (PG) 1998 –**

Simon Birch (Ian Michael Smith) and Joe Wentworth (Joseph Mazzello) are boys who have a reputation for being oddballs. Joe never knew his father, and his mother, Rebecca (Ashley Judd), is keeping her lips sealed, no matter how much he protests. Simon, meanwhile, is an 11-year-old dwarf whose outsize personality belies his small stature. Indeed, he often assails the local reverend (David Strathairn) with thorny theological questions and joins Joe on his quest to find his biological father.

### **October Sky (PG) 1999**

John Hickam (Chris Cooper) is a West Virginia coal miner who loves his job and expects his sons, Jim (Scott Miles) and Homer (Jake Gyllenhaal), to follow in his footsteps. But Jim gets a football scholarship, and

Homer becomes interested in rocket science after seeing Sputnik I crossing the sky. John disapproves of his son's new mania, but Homer begins building rockets with the help of friends and a sympathetic teacher (Laura Dern).

Rocketry, he hopes, will prove his ticket to a better life.

### **Facing the Giants (PG) 2006**

Grant Taylor, a Christian high-school football coach (Alex Kendrick), gets some very bad news. Besides his and his wife's (Shannen Fields) infertility problems, he faces the attempt of local parents to force the school to replace him.

His team, the Shiloh Eagles, has never had a winning season in the six years that he has coached the boys. Following a visitor's message, Grant tries to inspire his team to use faith to conquer fear and opposing teams.





### **Amazing Grace (PG) 2006**

In 18th-century England, House of Commons member William Wilberforce (Ioan Gruffudd) and his close friend and a future prime minister, William Pitt (Benedict Cumberbatch), begin a lengthy battle to abolish Great Britain's slave trade. Though Wilberforce's legislation is soundly defeated in 1791, his growing affection for Barbara Spooner (Romola Garai) inspires him to take up the fight once more.

### **Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace (Made for TV) 2000**

The story of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German clergyman of great distinction, who actively opposed Hitler and the Nazis. His convictions cost him his life.

### **Miracle (PG) 2006**

When college coach Herb Brooks (Kurt Russell) is hired to helm the 1980 U.S. men's Olympic hockey team, he brings a unique and brash style to the ice. After assembling a team of hot-headed college all-stars, who are humiliated in an early match, Brooks unites his squad against a common foe, the heavily-favored Soviet team. As the U.S. squad tries to overcome insurmountable odds and win the gold medal, the team becomes a microcosm for American patriotism during the Cold War.

### **John Wesley (not rated) 2009**

The year is 1732. John Wesley, an irritatingly self-righteous instructor at Oxford is offered the chance to go to the new colony of Georgia, where he hopes to preach to the Indians

### **Inside Out (PG) 2013**

Riley (Kaitlyn Dias) is a happy, hockey-loving 11-year-old Midwestern girl, but her world turns upside-down when she and her parents move to San Francisco. Riley's emotions -- led by Joy (Amy Poehler) -- try to guide her through this difficult, life-changing event. However, the stress of the move brings Sadness (Phyllis Smith) to the forefront. When Joy and Sadness are inadvertently swept into the far reaches of Riley's mind, the only emotions left in Headquarters are Anger, Fear and Disgust.



# Update from Your Facilities Manager

by April Smith

The life of the church as a congregation certainly looks different these days. If there is anything positive that has come out of this situation it is that we have more time to focus a bit deeper on caring for the building. Here's a little peek into what we've been working on:

- ◇ Change out of florescent lights to LEDs – we began this project in January and have completed the main floor hallways, restrooms, Gathering Space, rooms and offices. We have moved on to the basement level and have finished the restrooms and kitchen.
- ◇ Steam cleaning carpets – on March 23rd the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary were cleaned. We are hoping to do more areas but that will depend on the availability of our contractor during the stay at home order.
- ◇ New dishwasher – Classic Solutions has been contracted to replace our 35+ year old dishwasher with a new appliance. The CMA-180S will have a booster heater so the wash and rinse cycles will be at a much higher temperature than our old one. This model also has automatic chemical dispensers which means detergent and rinse agents will come directly from five gallon containers.
- ◇ We are soliciting estimates for the replacement of the asphalt shingles on the four peaks of the church roof as well as estimates for painting of the porticos over the church doors and the window frames and trim on the parsonage.
- ◇ David has been cleaning and vacuuming and sanitizing throughout the building. We will be doing some interior painting in selected areas of the building.
- ◇ Three new desktop computers have been purchased as we begin to upgrade workstations for all staff members.





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