

A NOTE FROM PASTOR JENN

Dear Church Family,

I am thankful to be writing this note to you after my time away on Sabbatical. I am grateful to serve a church committed to living out the commands of God. In Exodus 20:8, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." June was a holy time away. Thank you.

Every Monday, your church staff gathers. Our agenda includes discussions about new guests we might have met on Sunday or guests who Live Streamed. We share new pastoral care needs and other random behind the scene problems that popped up since last time we met: internet down, printer being repaired (happening while I write this), etc. But also on the agenda are staff reports. This is an opportunity for each staff to talk about what they are working on, what is coming up this week, what is important for all staff to know in order to support or assist. For me, our Monday staff meetings set the tone for week ahead, and lately, the tone has been one of excitement and hope.

What has energized me this month? As each staff shares, I see God's light! Exciting ministries and ideas are being prepared and developed. Small group and leadership training is set for August. Children's Sunday School Teachers are being gathered and prepared in order to be ready for fall kick-off. All our musical groups are rehearsing and/or preparing to gather again in August. A special night of worship is being planned. Teams and service opportunities that have been dormant for a year are seeing new life again. As our staff dialogues and prepares for what is coming, the word that continues to flood my mind is hope. The church never stopped. Ministries didn't stop. It always was, maybe unnoticed, but with each report, light pointing us forward. Hope abounds.

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ to transform the church, the community and the world.

This isn't OUR doing, but rather, we believe that we are called to partner with Jesus in the transformation of the church, the community, and the world. With our eyes

looking forward toward the Fall of 2021 and into the new year, hope abounds in all that we are seeing bubbling back up or bubbling up for the first time.

Looking forward.

Fall of 2021 will bring many opportunities for new connections, groups and service. Beginning on September 12, beyond worship, Sunday school classes will be open for children, youth and adults. Coffee will be flowing and donuts will be made available. A new connection center will open for old and new, young and old, and everyone inbetween to find information on where to connect. These are just a few of the exciting ways that God is bringing hope, showing us new life! We've missed so many faces and we are preparing for all the ways God will lead us forward together.

Before I sign off, one last thing. I want you to be able to experience this excitement and hope. We are preparing for a great Fall season with the faith that God will raise up the servant leaders to make all these ministries possible. How is God calling you to serve? As we move forward, we don't want to leave you sitting on your couch and not a part of the action. Sunday morning requires so many of you, and we have a spot for you. If you're looking for a place to serve, please email Margaret at Margaret.butler@cos-umc.org for more information!

Get excited! God is moving us forward!



In Jesus' Love,

Pastor Jenn

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Upcoming Message Series:

August 15-September 5 - School Supplies

It's time to go back to school which means students are going to be loading up their backpack. Parents will make many trips to purchase the list of school supplies. Teachers will get their classrooms ready. Students will organize their pencil pouches ten times before the first day of school. So much happens in August, some we are excited for and other things bring us some discomfort. This worship series is to get us all prepared. We want to make sure you have your backpack ready, packed with trust, belief, courage, and faith.

September 12- October 17 - Build THY Kingdom Here

In this series we will recognize that in order for God to build THY Kingdom here, we need to do some renovations. Remodeling a house can be an exciting and rewarding experience. In the same way, God wants to renovate your life by altering the "old you" and creating a "new you." Building THY Kingdom here is not easy work – and you might shed a few tears, but remodeling with GOD is an eternal opportunity we don't want to pass up. We will use the story of Nehemiah to delve into the idea of spiritual transformation or reconstruction.

October 24- November 14 - Give Thanks

During the Give Thanks worship series, we'll think about what it means to have a heart for God and the kind of heart God wants us to have for God's people. What does God want you to do in your heart to make you generous and thankful with your life?
*October 24th is Commitment Sunday. Look for details throughout the month of October.



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





August

8 - Parenting in the Pew Workshop

September

12 - Sunday School Kick-off

18 - Family Story Time

19 - Sunday School

26 - Sunday School



Sunday Morning Worship Tools. At Church of the Saviour, we welcome children of all ages as important

members of the church, and we welcome the sounds and activity that accompany them! To help kids engage more, we have two Sunday morning worship tools available: 1) **Praise Packs** that contain sermon notes, crayons, Wikki Stix, and rotating activity pages; 2) **Ribbon wands** that encourage kids to move, spin, wave, and dance during the music portions of the service. Both of these tools can be picked up at the Welcome Center as you enter the church.



The Sunday morning nursery is a valuable ministry for Church of the Saviour. Our little ones are learning to trust caring adults and connect their happy feelings while in the nursery at church. They are

beginning to understand who Jesus is and how much He loves them. Because we want to nurture these things in our youngest children, we are opening our nursery up to children 6 weeks – 3 years old during both our 9:30 am and 11:00 am worship services, AND we need YOU! Join our nursery team and help our young ones understand God's love for them. You can use this link to sign up to serve at either or both 9:30 am or 11:00 am.



Parenting in the Pew: Learning to Engage Children in Worship.

Having kids in worship isn't easy, but it is possible to set them up for success and experience meaningful worship. Learn ideas and

strategies to manage expectations that will help your family "parent in the pew" and engage your child(ren) in worship. The workshop is **Sunday**, **August 8 at 12:30 pm** in the chapel. A light lunch will be provided, and children are encouraged to attend with their parents. **Register to attend here.**



Family Story Time. Our monthly story times for families include stories, finger plays, songs, and make-&-take crafts. Each month

is centered around a specific theme. Story time meets on the 3rd Saturdays of the month at 9:30 am, September through May. Register for September's story time here.



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.



August 2021

- 1 Youth Missions Sunday—(9:30 am and 11:00 am services)
- 1 Missions Week Reunion Party (7:00—8:30 pm)
- 8 Messy Game Night (7:00—8:30 pm)
- 15 Bonfire (7-8:30 pm)
- 22 Parents Meeting (4:30—5:30 pm) Dinner (5:30—6:00)
- Kickball (6:00—7:00 pm)
- 29 Sundae Sunday (6-7pm)

September 2021

- 5 NO YOUTH (Holiday Weekend)
- 12 First Youth Group! (Dinner 6:00—6:30 pm; Worship 6:30-
- 7:00 pm; Youth Group 7:00—8:00 pm)
- 19 Youth Group
- 26 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.

Parents Meeting

On Sunday, August 22, all parents of students in grades 7-12 are invited to join us for a start-of-year parents meeting from 4:30-5:30 pm followed by dinner from 5:30-6:00 pm. During

this meeting, we will discuss the Youth Ministry schedule for the coming 2021-2022 school year and some exciting ways you can get involved as a volunteer – ranging from being a small group leader



with the youth to providing food to helping decorate and plan big events!

Youth Kickoff Kickball Event

All students going into grades 7-12 are invited to join us for an exciting game of Slip-n-Slide Kickball from 6:00—7:00 pm on Sunday, August 22. We've got kickball. We've got Slip-n-slides. We've got kiddy-pools. And we've got soap! What more could you need?!

Start of Fall Youth Group

Beginning Sunday, September 12, we will shift to our new Youth Group times for the school year. This year, all students in grades 7-12 are invited to join us from 6:00—8:00 pm for dinner, worship, games, and more! To begin the evening, everyone should meet us in the Fellowship Hall for dinner. Afterwards, we will have worship together as a large group before splitting into Jr. High and Sr. High groups for the 7:00—8:00 pm hour.







Youth Mission Week Recap

Mission Week 2021 was an incredible week of service for the students in our Youth Ministry. Our Jr. High and Sr. High students served as light-bearers around our community as they followed Jesus' command to love our neighbors. Check out a few pictures from this amazing week.





SAVE THE DATE FOR THE UPCOMING EVENTS:



Discipleship Leaders Training – Adult Small Group Leaders, Youth Leaders, and Children's Sunday School Teachers/Assistants. We are excited to be able to launch our disciple groups (small groups, youth groups, and children's Sunday school) this fall. To get ready, leaders are invited for a delicious meal and training. Mark your calendar now and RSVP to michelleshiparski@cos-umc.org by Sunday, Aug 1 for one of the following: Dinner, Wednesday, August 4 @ 6:30-8:00 PM OR Lunch, Sunday, August 15 12:30-2:00 PM

Musicians throughout our congregation unite to share passionate, inspiring music that lifts worship each week.

Contact Joe Galyon to get involved. joe.galyon@cos-umc.org





CHOIRS for ADULTS

Covenant Choir Men's Gospel Choir Women's Chorus

HANDBELLS for ADULTS

Covenant Ringers
Trinity Ringers

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE UPCOMING EVENTS:

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 22

We invite all students, teachers, and educators to bing their backpacks (literal or figurative) with them to worship on Sunday, August 22 as we offer a prayer of blessing over the new school year!



Fall Praise Night 2021

October 15 2021 7:00PM

Save the Date: The Praise Team invites you to an evening of Contemporary Worship and Praise October 15, 2021. More detail to follow,;make sure you Save the Date!



Church of the Saviour mid-year Finance Update

Staff Parish, Finance Committee, and Servant Leadership Board have been working to resume normal operations post Covid-19. Like most organizations, the pandemic very much changed the norm and forced changes in our operation that impacted staff as well as finances. As was announced recently, Len Troy has been brought on board as treasurer. He has a wealth of business knowledge as well as church financial management experience. He is working with Flynn and Company on the annual audit and also finalizing our move to a highly regarded church financial management firm Provisum. This move will lower costs and provide consistency in reporting.

Year to date income is ahead of expenses. There are two reasons: 66% of pledge income has come in as of June 30 and spending is lower than budgeted.

The Pandemic has impacted giving somewhat and will impact the repayment of the construction loan, to a longer than anticipated time span. The Finance Committee is watching cash flow closely and will make regular principal payments to retire this obligation as quickly as possible. The good news is that Church of the Saviour has no other indebtedness and with the return this fall to more normal programming, we should be able to pay down this loan quickly.

As we look ahead to Ffall and our annual pledge drive, please prayerfully consider your current and future financial support during this crucial time. Right now, we are in better shape than many but need your support and prayers as we continue to make a difference in the Kingdom.

Larry J. Brueshaber Finance Chair

Church of the Saviour Finance Committee:

Larry Brueshaber, Chair
Janet Size, Contribution Secretary
Len Troy, Treasurer
Rick Huff, Board of Trustees Chair
Pastor Jenn Lucas, Senior Pastor

Chris Philpott, Mark Hoge, Julia Page, Kevin Bock, Lynn Leroy, Mark Quarry

KIDS MUSIC AUGUST 2021

AGE 3 TO GRADE 6



STARTS AUGUST 18, 2021

GROWING DISCIPLES THROUGH MUSIC

Church % SAVIOUR ¢

Wednesday Evenings

Preschool

6:00-6:30

Music & Movement Ages 3-K

Kids Choirs

6:00-6:45

Grades 1-3

Grades 4-6

Kids Bells

6:45-7:30

GradesI

Grades 2-3

Grades 4-6

Meet on Wednesdays

August 18 - April 27

Sunday Worship

Leading the congregation

Musicals

Christmas Eve and Spring

Always Learning

music, spiritual growth

Team Building

social interaction, critical thinking skills





Stephen Ministry – New Stephen Ministry Training Class

It is time again for the Stephen Ministry Team to start planning for a new training class this fall.

Stephen Ministers are caring, committed Christians, reaching out to hurting individuals on a one-on-one basis, seeking to help them through a difficult time in their lives. It is a quiet, largely invisible, but incredibly vital and rewarding ministry.

Have you considered whether Stephen Ministry might be right for you? The only pre -requisite is a love of the Lord and a desire

to reach out and help. Yes, training is required but there are no grades and you do not have to think about passing or failing the course. The skills included in the training are those which most of us are already familiar. You will get a chance to work on skills like active listening, process versus results, assertiveness, maintaining boundaries, confidentiality, and many other topics. Stephen Ministers understand these skills are very useful in our everyday relationships as well as with our care receivers. Most importantly you will be reminded that God is the "cure giver" and Stephen Ministers are not there to solve problems but simply to help the process.

Perhaps the most wonderful part about being a Stephen Minister is the growth that you experience personally. The fellowship you experience being part of a close group with other caring, committed Christians is very powerful. You find yourself gaining insights and strength from fellow Stephen Ministers and even from your care receiver, the person you are there to help and support.

Its hard to wrap words around the many blessings that can come from serving as a Stephen Minister. There will be a new training class starting this fall. If this is something you feel called to do or would simply like to know more about Stephen Ministry, please visit the Stephen Ministry tab on the COS website \rightarrow connect \rightarrow Stephen Ministry, or contact Pastor Vicki (513 -791-3142 ext. 26) or Mary Hoover (513-702-5642).

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR STAFF

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

Rev. Jenn Lucas, Senior Pastor: jenn.lucas@cos-umc.org

Rev. Vicki Robinson, Associate Pastor: vicki.robinson@cos-umc.org

David Anderson, Director of Children's Music: david.anderson@cos-umc.org **Margaret Butler**, Hospitality Coordinator: margaret.butler@cos-umc.org

Dr. Joe Galyon, Director of Worship and Arts: joe.galyon@cos-umc.org

Jayk Hinze, Youth Pastor: jayk.hinze@cos-umc.org

Michelle Shiparski, Director of Children's Discipleship: michelle.shiparski@cos-umc.org

Janet Size, Membership and Contribution Secretary: janet.size@cos-umc.org

Dorothy Stadelmann, Building and Office Administrator: dorothy.stadelmann@cos-umc.org

Nick Stockburger, Director of Contemporary Worship: nick.stockburger@cos-umc.org

Len Troy, Treasurer: len.troy@cos-umc.org

Jill Waldon, Director of Montgomery Nursery School: jill.waldon@cos-umc.org.

Samantha Zeisler, Director of Communications, samantha.stanford@cos-umc.org



HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

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

Have you heard about Church of the Saviour's Helping Hands? Helping Hands connects those who need help with those who can help. It's that simple.

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

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

Examples of these needs are:

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

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

Examples of work performed on a Service Saturday are:

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

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

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS IN THE AUDIO/VISUAL MINISTRY

The Audio/Visual Ministry trains and engages volunteers to operate the sound board, video mixer, lighting board, and presentation software for worship. We want people with a sincere desire to serve no matter if you have any previous experience. We provide all the training that you need.

As Church of the Saviour continues with live-stream worship, we have a clear need for interested people to join the team. Visit the the AV Tech webpage and point your phone camera at this QR code to view our AV Tech Flipbook. Interested people can contact Nick Stockburger (nick.stockburger@cos-umc.org) and get scheduled for training today.





UMW-Kroger Community Rewards Program

The UMW thanks the 49 households who participate in the Kroger Community Rewards program and who have designated the COS-UMW as the organization they wish to benefit. The UMW donates all monies received from the program to charities benefitting 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. You should receive a confirmatory email.

For more information contact Melody Overton at signof4@msn.com/513-446-5651.

ADVENTURERS UPCOMING EVENTS



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.



Tea and Strategy, Would you like to help plan 2021/22 activities and trips for the Adventurers? Join us at, 3:00 pm, Monday, August 15, at Jane Kieninger's house, 211 Legacy Lane, 45249., Bring your thoughts and ideas or just opinions for fun and fellowship for

Empty Nesters, Baby Boomers and Seniors in 2021/2022..
RSVP Jane at 489 6022 or ikieninger@aol.com
Directions from church. North on Montgomery, cross over I275 then pass Gates of Heaven Cemetery. Take the next right into the Vintage Club — you will the entrance sign for the New Christ Hospital facility on that corner. The Vintage club house is straight ahead. Go left in front of the club house then an immediate right onto Legacy Lane. My house is 211 Legacy Lane (3rd house on the right). If you get to Harper's Point you have gone too far. (GPS sends you around the block — don't use)



Mark your calendar we will be "Firing Up the Grills", on Wednesday,
September 15. We are having our 1st post COVID event! Enjoy a visit with your friends, grilled hamburgers and hot dogs (or bring your own meat) and some little Corn Hole fun (for

those who want to participate). Bring a dish to share. Water and sodas will be provided. We won't know which Blue Ash Shelter until June but watch for updates. This will be open to all Church of the Saviour Adults. Sign up information to come.



"Pretty Woman" a fun Broadway musical at the Aronoff, Wed., October 20, 8:00 pm show, \$60.00. The musical show is based on 1990s film of the same name. We have limited group seats in rows G and H of the Loge. Dinner together before hand is optional. If you want to join us, call or send an email to Jane Kieninger (513 489 6022, jkieninger@aol.com) by Aug. 8, 2021. Seats are limited.

COS on the Go AGAIN! Fall, 4 day 3 night motorcoach tour to Pennsylvania Amish-land and Hershey, PA. Monday November 8 through Thursday, Nov 11. Cost \$570 (double occupancy). \$50 deposit will hold your spot. Mail your check made to 'COS' to Jane Kieninger 211 Legacy Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45249

(fully refundable until final payment). This trip is limited to 40 passengers. Deposit payment due September 13.

Trip includes:

- 3 nights lodging, 3 Breakfasts, 3 dinners
- "Queen Ester" show at Sight and Sound Theatre
- " Deck the Halls" at the America Music Theatre
- Guided tour of the Amish Country-side with stops at Amish Craft Farm and Bake shop
- Hershey's Chocolate World (make your own chocolate bar)
- Stop at Flight 93 Memorial and more

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

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

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

Men's Lunch Group – Meeting in the lunch room <u>every Tuesday</u> at 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. Bring a sack lunch. Share stories, views of current events and explore almost any topic. All men are welcome. Group Leader is Ed Daniels with help from Arnie Penix. If you are interested call Ed at 891-4564 or email him at edaniel3151@gmail.com to get the zoom link. No reservations are required.



Matthew 25 Mission Opportunity

- 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.

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

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



The Mothers and
Daughters Group will
meet at the church for
a back to school
rendezvous-vous. We
will be doing a hands
on mission project to
help Gifts from the

Heart prepare for this Christmas season. There is lots to do to get ready to help local children have a wonderful holiday. So come on Saturday, August 21, from 9:30 - 11:30 am and help plan our future group outings. RSVP to Pam Senefeld at maxmuir1@aol.com. (Meeting will take place in the Dining Room).

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

Many recipients give feedback about how their prayer shawl helped them so much and how appreciative they were about the gift and the effort that went in to creating it. If you know someone in need of God's blessings and warmth, call Donna Steinmetz (513-563-7144), call or text Pam Senefeld (513-314-5042), email Bonnie Nesbitt (bonniepnesbitt@hotmail.com), or contact Pastor Vicki at church.

Third Tuesday Morning Hannah Group is seeking volunteers to brainstorm and plan menu, prepare food, signups for donations and transportation. All hands are needed on board for Meal at the Bethany House on September 21, 2021.

Next we will take on leadership for the Gifts from the Heart Program for 2021 so we are asking for more disciples to do God's work. Thanking you in advance that we are so fortunate to get out and do this after being cooped up for so long. Please contact Dorothy Stadelmann at the church or Euphazine Reid- Kendall at 678-857-8362(c) or 678-340-7003(h).

Welcome back to Children's Closet Collections. In August we will collect school supplies for Wesley Chapel Mission Center. Many items are needed for Back to School and this can be a cost burden for kids and parents. Some needed items are: pencils, pens, erasers, crayons, markers, paper, pocket folders, glue, scissors, etc. We appreciate your generous donations so much. Thank you, Jean Feldmeyer (Children's Closet Coordinator).



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



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 August Devotional is now available! Stop by church and pick up your copy!

