

Fall Kickoff

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Bringing New Life to Greater Heights

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" Isaiah 43:19

We may get a new calendar in January, but for most of us the "new year" really starts in the fall when summer activities wind down and children and teachers start back to school. As we anticipate a new season, with the crisp days of fall and the beauty of colored leaves, it is also time to make a fresh beginning and a renewed commitment to Christ and the church.

John Wesley emphasized what a lot of us have come to know through experience, that rarely do we make progress in our spiritual lives without discipline and commitment. For that reason I encourage you to commit yourself to daily Bible reading and prayer, to service, and to regular involvement in some type of spiritual growth activity. On the pages of this special Fall Kickoff

edition of *The Chimes*, you will find dozens of opportunities for involvement. Your voice is needed in the choir! Your expertise with children is valued in the Sunday school! Your financial knowledge is welcome in the stewardship campaign!

Of course, no one person has all the talents and abilities needed to staff the many ministries at Church of the Saviour. But all of us have something to offer. In the process of sharing our gifts and working together with others, we will come to find deeper meaning and fulfillment for our lives.

A new season is beginning! God has something new in store for your life and mine. May God bless you as you seek to discern God's will for your life, and may you have the courage to follow where God leads.

See you in church!

Charles D. Yoost, Senior Pastor

Weekly Study Groups

God wants you to go deeper in your spiritual life, and each of our groups is open to your participation. Please feel free to call any of the group leaders for more information.

Monday Evenings at 7:30 p.m.

The Monday Women's Bible Study meets weekly. Please call Marcie Beggs at (216) 371-5506.

Wednesday Afternoons at 1:30 p.m.

This fall the group begins a study of the book of Revelation. Please call Ray Holt at (216) 297-0903.

Thursday Mornings at 7:00 a.m.

Men of all ages gather before work for the Men's Prayer Group to study the lectionary Scriptures for the coming Sunday. The group enjoys coffee and doughnuts with discussion from 7:00-8:00 a.m. Please call Rolf Bergman at (216) 371-5141.

Thursday Mornings at 9:30 a.m.

On September 4, the Thursday Women's Study Group begins a study of the Gospel of John, using a guide by Max Lucado. Childcare is available. Please call Karen Murgiano at (216) 691-9189 or kmurgiano@ameritech.net.

Friday Mornings at 9:00 a.m.

On September 5, the Friday Women's Group begins a study on "*Unveiling Mary Magdalene*" by Liz Curtis Higgs. The book will be available for purchase the first day of class.

Participants share responsibility for facilitating a class and providing snacks. Please call Carol Broadbent at (216) 360-0465.

Saturday Mornings at 8:15 a.m.

Join Spiritual Fitness this fall as they continue their study of "*Mere Christianity*" by C. S. Lewis. Please call Art Varnes at (216) 921-7457.

Saturday Afternoons at 4:30 p.m.

The group studies contemporary Christian books and meets at the Broadbent home. Please call Brian Broadbent at (216) 360-0465.

Disciple Class

The four Disciple courses are designed to apply the lessons of the Old and New Testaments to life today. Classes run from 30-34 weeks. A weekday class for Disciple I begins in September. Please call Mike Smith at (216) 965-2994 if you are interested in Disciple II, III or IV.

Financial Peace University

Financial Peace University is a 13-week small group study that teaches families to beat debt and build wealth. Classes begin Sunday, September 21 at 11:00 a.m. in Calvary Hall. A family-style lunch will be served at noon and childcare is available. Class materials are \$93 per household. Please call Mike Smith at (216) 965-2994 to register.

Membership 201: Taking the Next Step

"Do you promise to support the church through your prayers, presence, gifts and service?" If you are interested in taking the next step in strengthening your faith, this five-week class will focus on the promises we make when we join the church. The group meets October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

Meaningful Worship



Fall Kickoff Sunday and Picnic

On September 7, our fall worship schedule begins and Sunday school classes start a new season for children, youth and adults. Dr. Charles Yoost, Senior Pastor, will present the message “*All in the Same Boat*” on Christian community.

8:30 a.m. Chapel service

9:30 a.m. Contemporary worship

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service

Sunday school at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The church picnic begins at noon on the lawn.

Taizè-style Worship

Our monthly Taizè candlelight worship service of prayer, meditation and reflection meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Experience GPS

GPS moves to Wednesday nights beginning September 17! Join us at 6:30 p.m. each week for a light supper and worship with a live band, Scripture and a personal message about real life. Visit www.gpsheights.org to listen to our weekly message and offer your feedback on the blog.

Podcasting

Church of the Saviour provides free podcasting of weekly sermons on our website. Listen anytime, anywhere at www.chsaviour.org.

Potluck, Praise and Prayer

Sundays at 5:30 p.m., bring a dish to share and enjoy a potluck supper followed by prayer and praise through music. Bring the whole family and make this a regular part of your Christian life.

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday school classes at Church of the Saviour offer a variety of opportunities. All of our classes welcome visitors and new members at any time during the year.

Believers Class

The group focuses on Bible study, faith-based books, and topical issues such as living prayer, spiritual needs and gifts. The class is in charge of the Angel Tree project at Christmas. The class meets at 9:30 a.m. in Room 225.

Contemporary Disciples

This Sunday school class is organized as a discussion group with time for prayer requests at the end, with several social events and volunteer projects throughout the year. The class will begin with a study of the book of Jeremiah, followed by the book “*Velvet Elvis*” by Rob Bell. The group meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Great Hall.

Kingsley Class

In a lecture and discussion format, often with a guest speaker, the Kingsley Class addresses topics of current interest from a Christian perspective. The class meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Bethel Room and enjoys a series of social events and community outreach throughout the year.

Seekers Class

The Seekers Class is a traditional Bible study group. The group also supports missionaries who grew up within the church. The class meets at 9:30 a.m.

Towers Wesley Fellowship

Our “newest” class features lively discussions on spiritual, theological, personal and social issues with speakers drawn from the church, community and social service groups. Topics focus on religion and current challenges facing society. The class meets at 9:30 a.m. in Calvary Hall.

Junior and Senior High Youth



Our active youth ministry seeks to introduce youth to Christ and to strengthen that relationship through service, study, worship and having fun together. To receive weekly e-mails about coming events or for information on any youth programs and activities, please contact Curt Campbell at (216) 321-8880 or curt@chsaviour.org.

Sunday Night Live! (SNL)

Grades 8 through 12

On Sunday evenings, youth gather in small groups from 6:47-8:00 p.m. for an informal discussion about anything and everything that relates to strengthening our relationship with Christ. Food is usually involved. Faith is always deepened. Meet in Room 207.

Friday Night Youth Group

Friday nights are great whether it is your first time or 100th time. Our events include everything from Capture-the-Flag to Cedar Point. Our goal is to welcome new youth, have fun, and grow closer to each other and Christ.

Junior Youth Group (Grades 6-8) meets from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Room 098.

Senior Youth Group (Grades 9-12) meets from 7:00-11:00 p.m. in Room 209.

Details about upcoming events are sent in weekly e-mails from Curt.

Service Saturdays

Once a month instead of a Friday night event, the youth participate in a local service project. Projects have included raking leaves, serving in soup kitchens, stocking shelves at Malachi Mart and lots more. Details are in the weekly e-mails from Curt.

Sunday School classes meet at 11:00 a.m.

Grades 6 and 7 meet in Room 316.

Grade 8 meets in Room 098.

Senior High Grades 9 through 12 meet in the Youth Room, Room 207.

Senior High Sunday School Kick-Off is September 14.

We praise Thee, worship Thee, glorify Thee and give thanks to Thee! The Music Ministry at Church of the Saviour allows you to do all of these things and more. We offer opportunities for people of all ages. No auditions needed. Please call Judith Higbee, Director of Music, at (216) 321-8880 for information on any of our ensembles.

GOOD NEWS

This adult choir sings contemporary music once a month at the 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. services, and presents a Lenten cantata.
Rehearses: Sunday 4:45-5:30 p.m.
Director: Judith Higbee
Accompanist: Sara Smith

Praise Team

Our 9:30 a.m. Praise Team leads the music at the service in the Great Hall each week. Singers and musicians are welcome to talk to Sara Smith about participating on the Team.
Rehearses: Sunday 8:45 a.m.
Leader: Sara Smith
Song Coordinator: Laura Evangelista

Chancel Choir

This adult choir sings traditional, classical and contemporary music at the 11:00 a.m. service each week. The choir prepares special seasonal music for Christmas and Easter, and presents annual concerts.
Rehearses: Thursday 7:30-9:15 p.m.
Director: Judith Higbee
Organist: Robert Day

Bells of the Saviour

This adult handbell choir wields 56 bells of graduated sizes. Music reading skills are helpful, as well as a sense of rhythm and a sense of fun. The ensemble plays in worship regularly.
Rehearses: Thursday 6:15-7:15 p.m.
Director: Virginia Steiger

GPS Band

The band for GPS, our new worship service, plays cutting-edge music for this contemporary service. Please call the Rev. Dan Bogre at (216) 321-8880 for details.
Rehearses: Wednesdays 8:00 p.m.
Leader: Kevin Bang

Adult Music Ministry



Agape Choir

Grades 8 through 12

Share in the fun and fellowship of this high school choir which sings in worship monthly.
Rehearses: Sunday 6:00-6:45 p.m.
Director: Judith Higbee
Accompanist: Sara Smith

Wesley Bells

Grades 8 through 12

Advanced high school ringers with previous ringing experience are invited to join this ensemble which plays in worship regularly.
Rehearses: Sunday 12:00-1:00 p.m.
Director: Virginia Steiger

Celebration Ringers

Grades 5 through 7

This handbell choir teaches ringing techniques and helps develop music-reading skills. The choir participates in worship about six times a year.
Rehearses: Thursday 7:15-8:00 p.m.
Director: Daran Kiefer

VIVACE!

Grades 5 through 7

This middle school choir develops musical skills including singing in harmony. The group will participate monthly in worship, sing in the Northern Ohio Choristers Guild Festival and present a spring musical.
Rehearses: Thursday 6:30-7:15 p.m.
Director: Judith Higbee
Accompanist: Ann Swarts



Youth Music Ministry

Give your child the gift of music! Children learn Bible verses and words of faith set to music. Church of the Saviour has a team of talented and dedicated music leaders ready to help your child grow through rehearsals and performances.

Carol Choir

Grades 2 through 4

Children learn musical and social skills through songs, games and activities in this elementary choir. The Carol Choir sings in church nearly every month.
Rehearses: Thursday 6:30-7:15 p.m.
Director: Christine Elliott
Accompanist: Don Katt

Cherub Choir

Kindergarten and 1st grade

Young children learn about God through songs and musical games, and sing in church six times during the year.
Rehearses: Thursday 6:30-7:15 p.m.
Co-directors: Sarah Leonard, Melanie Wheeler

Music Adventure Class

4-year olds and Pre-K 5-year-olds

Children experience music through singing, movement and games, and sing in church three or four times a year. Tom Sperl leads the class on Sundays from 10:30-11:00 a.m. beginning September 14.

Children's Music Ministry

Children's Ministries

Sunday school classes at Church of the Saviour are designed to lead children to a relationship with Jesus Christ and the Christian community, and to help them develop lifelong patterns of Christ-like living. Classes are offered for children age 3 through Grade 5. An experienced staff of nursery caregivers is available during all worship services for children from birth through age 2. Pagors are issued to parents so they can be reached if needed.



Pam Bowler, Coordinator for Nursery and Toddlers & Twos

Nursery

Ages 0-18 months, Room 93

Toddlers & Twos

Ages 18 months to 3 years, Room 89.

Children may move up from the Nursery any time after turning 18 months.

Regular enrichment is offered by parents in this room.

Renee Leonard, Coordinator for Preschool and Elementary classes

Preschool Classes

Children must turn 3 or 4 by September 1 to be promoted to these classes in the fall. They may stay for one or both hours, but drop-off times are limited to 10-15 minutes before worship or at 10:30 for Music Adventure (Room 64).

3s Class at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. meets in Room 62.

Pre-K Class at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. meets in Room 64.

Elementary classes at 9:30 a.m.

Kindergarten and Grades 1 and 2 meet in Room 68.

Grades 3, 4 and 5 meet in Room 50.

Elementary classes at 11:00 a.m.

Kindergarten and Grade 1 meet in Room 68.

Grades 2 and 3 meet in the Social Room.

Grades 4 and 5 meet in Room 50.

Elementary children are encouraged to attend one hour of Sunday school and one hour of worship with their families. They are also invited to a teen-led praise and music time from 10:45-11:00 each Sunday morning in Room 50.

Friday Night Fun at Kids' Club

Renee Leonard and Kristi Bergren, Coordinators

Children in grades 3-5 meet monthly, sometimes at church to play games or watch a movie, other nights for outings to go bowling, skating, and other fun stuff. At Kids' Club, elementary children learn that church is a fun place to be, and they form friendships that we hope will last into youth group and beyond.

Radio Ministry

Sunday morning:

8:00 a.m. WCLV Radio 104.9 FM

10:00 a.m. WHKW Radio 1220 AM

Website and Podcasting

www.chsaviour.org

Ministry Team

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