

All women of the church are invited to join in UMW's spiritual growth study for 2018. Based on the book, LIVING AS A COVENANT COMMUNITY, this study examines major covenants throughout the Bible and what they reveal about God's character and eternal love for us. Dates of the four-week study are Thursdays, Jan. 4, 11, 18 and 25. Gather for coffee and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor. The study, facilitated by Thelma Tucker, will begin at 10 a.m. No reservations are necessary. Child care may be arranged by calling Debbie Jones at 216-382-5929.

*Janet Lahr Lewis, commissioned missionary for the General Board of Global Ministries, will talk about living and serving in Palestine and Israel on Monday, January 8 at 7 p.m. in Calvary Hall. (Sponsored by Church of the Saviour and Church of the Redeemer)*

Group Life Ministries is planning a Church of the Saviour Couples' Retreat to be led by Rev. Dr. Charles and Barbara Yoost the weekend of April 20 through April 22 at The Lodge at Geneva-on-the-Lake, Geneva, Ohio. Watch for details and registration information in the new year!

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY, December 24

10:00 a.m. Worship, Great Hall  
4:30 p.m. Worship, Sanctuary  
7:30 p.m. Worship, Sanctuary  
11:00 p.m. Worship, Sanctuary

### SATURDAY, December 30

8:15 a.m. Spiritual Fitness, Room 121  
9:30 a.m. Fit for the Kingdom, Calvary Hall  
11:00 a.m. Memorial Service, Marc Ziegler, Sanctuary

### MONDAY, December 25

Church closed

### SUNDAY, December 31

**Worship at 8:30 Myers Chapel, 9:30 Great Hall, 11:00 Sanctuary**

*Blood pressure screening after each morning worship in room 106*

### TUESDAY, December 26

Church closed

10:40 a.m. Prayer Meeting, Myers Chapel

6:00 p.m. Catalyst Bible Study, Evangelista Home

7:00 p.m. Watch Night Service, Great Hall

### WEDNESDAY, December 27

9:00 a.m. Fit for the Kingdom, Calvary Hall

### THURSDAY, December 28

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, Parlor  
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Room 121  
2:00 p.m. Muscles & Motion, Bethel Room

### FRIDAY, December 29

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Room 161  
11:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Parlor  
7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal, Rm 122

# CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR

*United Methodist*

*Bringing New Life to Greater Heights*



**December 24, 2017**

**Great Hall 10:00 a.m.**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

## CHURCH STAFF

*Lead Pastor: Andy Call; Pastor of Connections: Gregory Kendrick, Jr.; Director of Children's Ministries: Lydia Stephens; Child Care Coordinator & Children's Ministry Assistant: Pam Bowler; Director of Youth Ministries: Curt Campbell; Director of Music: David Gilson; 9:30 Worship Leader: Brian Smart; Organist: Robert H. Day; Handbell Coordinator: Virginia Steiger; Technical Director & Wedding Coordinator: Leslie Myers; Business Administrator: Loretta Dahlstrom; Administrative Assistants: Cris Hicks, Debbie Johnson; Chimes Editor: Jill Barr; Properties Manager: Penny Neisen; Custodians: Yee Chy, John Austin, Jon Cermak, Robert Campbell, Leslie Myers; Resident: Robert Campbell; Missionaries: Esther Gitobu (Cambodia), Larry & Jane Kies (Zimbabwe), Joey & Kerry Davidson (Liberia); Lay Leaders: Shawn & Chris McCandless; ELC Director: Charlene Williams; Pastoral Counselor: Lois Annich; Pastor Emeritus: Dr. Charles D. Yoost*

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREAT HALL

10:00 a.m.

## OPENING TO GOD

### GATHERING MUSIC

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

Dick and Cindy Helton

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**People: those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.**

Leader: The lights that we have kindled each week light the way to the coming Christ.

**People: The candles of Hope, Preparation, and Joy glow brilliantly. Today, we will light the candle of Love.**

Leader: The coming Lord is forever faithful. The never-ending affection and tenderness the Christ has for us is a gift that unequaled.

**People: Praising the God who cares so deeply for all creation, we gather to worship. Together, we will demonstrate and share the love of Christ.**

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The Rev. Gregory Kendrick, Jr.

### A TIME OF GREETING *(Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.)*

#### \*THE GOSPEL LESSON

*Luke 1:26-38*

Mrs. Helton

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

### THE MESSAGE

*Waiting with Purpose: Love*

The Rev. Andy Call

### MUSICAL REFLECTION

*Christmas Worship Medley*  
Praise Team

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Kendrick, Jr.

### RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Kendrick, Jr.

*For hospitality with visitors and member care, please sign the Friendship Pad.*

#### Offertory

\*The Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

#### \*CLOSING SONG

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

#### \*BENEDICTION

Rev. Call

\*The people may stand.

Ushers: Cunion Family & Ron Collier

Immediately following the service, the congregation is invited to the Great Hall Entrance for a time of fellowship and refreshments, hosted by the Hicks Family.

*The poinsettias are given in honor of those struggling with the challenges of mental illness.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Merry Christmas COTS Family! We invite your family to join us in holiday worship this morning and New Year's Eve. Because we want our teachers to have a chance to worship with their families, we will not have any Sunday School classes. The nursery *will* be available for our little saints aged 3 and under. Busy boxes and soft quiet books will be available for those children with busy fingers. May God give you an opportunity to be a blessing to someone else this year.

*Please join us for the Watch Night Worship service on Sunday, December 31 at 7 p.m. in Myers Chapel.*

Myers Lecture is Saturday, January 6 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Join us as we delve deep into discipleship with Rev. Junius Dotson, General Secretary of Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church. We will explore what it means to #seeallthepeople! Register at [www.chsaviour.org](http://www.chsaviour.org). Rev. Dotson will also be the guest preacher at morning worship services on Sunday, January 7.

*Save the Date: Leadership Training for all new church leaders, leaders in new roles, and returning leaders who are ready to go deeper. Saturday, January 13, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch included.*

<sup>1</sup>Amy Loving. "Words for Worship: Advent Candlelighting (Year B). [worshipcloset.com](http://worshipcloset.com). (alt.)