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CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR

United Methodist

Bringing New Life to Greater Heights

December 31, 2017

Sanctuary 11:00 a.m.

First Sunday after Christmas

New Year's Eve



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

SANCTUARY

11:00 a.m.

OPENING TO GOD

PRELUDE *Joy to the World* arr. Lani Smith
Christmas Fantasy on Four Carols arr. Marilyn Rinehart

WELCOME The Rev. Gregory Kendrick, Jr.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *Sweet Little Jesus Boy*
Paul Simpson

*CALL TO WORSHIP Sharon Wittke

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People: Praise God from the heavens.

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All: Alleluia!

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

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we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children.

We have kept silent in midst of prejudice and hatred.

We have been idle in the face of violence and injustice.

We have not been a light to the nations, and our lives have not revealed your glory.

Forgive us, Merciful God.

Repair the ugliness of our sin and restore in us your beautiful grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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OFFERING OUR LIVES IN DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN OF REFLECTION #242 *Love Came Down at Christmas* Gartan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (#895)

Leader: Loving God, **People: hear our prayer.**

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Offertory *Some Children See Him* Alfred Burt

David Gilson, tenor; Robert Day, organ

*The Doxology (#95) & Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #251 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Toccata on "Adeste Fideles"* Page Long

*The people may stand. Acolytes: Lyle and Derek Yost

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GROW. PRAY. STUDY.

Household Prayer: Morning

In you, O God, I will greatly rejoice;
in speaking, I will greatly rejoice;
in silence, I will greatly rejoice;
in travels, I will greatly rejoice;
in resting, I will greatly rejoice;
in working, I will greatly rejoice;
in leisure, I will greatly rejoice;
in duties, I will greatly rejoice;
in freedom, I will greatly rejoice.
O God, my whole being exults in you,
and my life shall evermore declare your praise,
my light, my love, my joy. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord, let your servant sleep in peace this night
and fulfill your gracious word.
Reveal to me the salvation that you have prepared
for all people.
With Jesus Christ, help me be a light to the nations
and a sign of your glorious promise to Israel. Amen.

Prayers from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 1* © 2014
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Next Sunday, January 7 - Myers Lecture Sunday

Worship at 8:30 a.m. in Myers Chapel

9:30 a.m. in the Great Hall

11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Holy Communion at all three services.

Rev. Junius B. Dotson preaching.

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9:30 WORSHIP

Great Hall

TODAY IN WORSHIP

The Message

Sing!

Luke 2:22-40 (CEB)

Rev. Gregory Kendrick, Jr.

Ushers

Gisser/Ringler Families

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Because we want our teachers to have a chance to worship with their families, we will not have any Sunday School classes this morning. **The nursery will be available for our little saints ages 3 and under.** Busy boxes and soft quiet books will be available for those children with busy fingers.

The Health Ministry Team is offering **blood pressure screenings** this morning after each worship service in room 106.

Please join us for the **Watch Night Worship service** tonight 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. 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.

Have you decided or intend to seek a deeper understanding of the scriptures this year? How will you do that? We are continuing the Bible studies from the "**Grouptober**" experience. The lectionary is followed so you are in sync with many of the sermons. Two classes are offered, at 9:30 and another at 11:00 in room 100 for an hour. Contact: Brad Withers

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 31

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

Blood pressure screenings, room 106

10:40 a.m. Prayer Meeting, Myers Chapel
6:00 p.m. Catalyst Bible Study, Evangelista Home
7:00 p.m. Watch Night Service, Myers Chapel

MONDAY, January 1 Church Closed

TUESDAY, January 2

9:30 a.m. UMW Board Meeting, Room 122
12:10 p.m. DownTown Abbey
7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting, Room 161

WEDNESDAY, January 3

9:00 a.m. Fit for the Kingdom, Calvary Hall
12:00 p.m. Retired Men's Luncheon, Parlor

THURSDAY, January 4

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, Parlor
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Room 121
10:00 a.m. UMW Spiritual Growth Study, Parlor
2:00 p.m. Muscles & Motion, Bethel Room
6:00 p.m. Gather, Parlor
6:00 p.m. Music Ministry Rehearsals
7:30 p.m. Man Talk, Room 121

FRIDAY, January 5

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Room 161
11:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Parlor

SATURDAY, January 6

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Calvary Hall
8:15 a.m. Spiritual Fitness, Room 121
9:00 a.m. Myers Lecture, Great Hall
9:30 a.m. Fit for the Kingdom, Calvary Hall

SUNDAY, January 7

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

10:40 a.m. Prayer Meeting, Myers Chapel
12:15 p.m. Wesley Bells, Room 223
1:15 p.m. Flute Ensemble, Room 223
4:30 p.m. Good News, Choir Room
5:30 p.m. Agape, Choir Room
6:00 p.m. Catalyst Bible Study, Evangelista Home