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CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR

United Methodist

Bringing New Life to Greater Heights



September 9, 2018

11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Kick-Off Sunday

Rev. Andy Call, Lead Pastor

Rev. Gregory Kendrick, Jr., Pastor of Connections

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY

11:00 a.m.

OPENING TO GOD

PRELUDE *Celebration* James Mansfield
God's Time Is the Best (from Cantata #106) J.S. Bach

WELCOME The Rev. Andy Call

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP The Rev. Yvonne Conner

Leader: We gather as people of God to offer praise and prayer.

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*HYMN OF PRAISE #660 *God Is Here* Abbot's Leigh

*CALL TO CONFESSION The Rev. Gregory Kendrick, Jr.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God,
we confess that our love for you and for others
has not been genuine.**

**We have not held fast to what is good,
and we have lagged in affection for our brothers and sisters.**

**We have not been patient in suffering,
nor have we persevered in prayer.**

**We have repaid evil for evil
and have failed to live peaceably with all.**

**Forgive us our sin,
free us from fear of the power of evil,
and help us trust in the power of your everlasting goodness;
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

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

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (Share signs of reconciliation with each other.)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *Every Praise* J. David Bratton/
Gospel Choir; Brian Smart, director Hezekiah Walker

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON *Romans 12:9-17* (CEB) Rev. Conner
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE *Love Without Pretending* Rev. Call

OFFERING OUR LIVES IN DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN OF REFLECTION #581 (v. 1)
Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service Beach Spring

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (#895) Rev. Kendrick, Jr.
Leader: Merciful God, **People: hear our prayer.**

MOMENT FOR MISSION Linda Moore

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Rev. Call
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Offertory *God is Our Refuge* Allen Pote
Chancel Choir; David Gilson, director

*The Doxology (#95) & Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #577 *God of Grace and God of Glory* Cwm Rhondda

*BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *God of Grace and God of Glory* arr. Anna Laura Page

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Acolytes: Anna and Maria Krouse

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MINISTRY OF MUSIC *Psalm XXIII* Paul Creston

David Gilson, solo

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Worship Next Sunday, September 16

Encounters that Change

Mark 7:24-37



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TODAY IN WORSHIP

The Message
Love Without Pretending

Rev. Andy Call

Scripture Reading
Romans 12:9-17 (CEB)

Ron Collier

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ending Well: Planning for Moments of Meaning will be held on Saturday, September 15 from 9 - 11:30 am in the Great Hall. Participants will have an opportunity to begin planning for funerals and to explore end-of-life issues like advance directives, living wills, organ and tissue donation, and hospice care. The event is free but will provide a wealth of resources for you and your family. Registration is helpful (but not required). Email office@chsaviour.org.

The **COTS Writers' Guild** will meet on Tuesday, September 11 at 7 pm in Room 121. New leadership, goals and the future of this group will be discussed and decided. If you are a member and unable to attend, please send your thoughts to schanerkevin@gmail.com. Prompt: Write about how the Writers' Guild has encouraged you to write.

The **UMW District Fall Meeting** will be held Saturday, September 22 at Church of the Saviour. Rev. Dr. Steve Bailey, NCD Superintendent, will be the guest speaker. Registration and fellowship in the Great Hall at 11 am, followed by the program and installation of officers. Cost is \$7.00 and includes lunch and packet of materials. Please have monies to Debbie Jones by Sept. 13.

Join the **United Methodist Women** on Tuesday, September 11 at 10 am for a program entitled *United Methodist Missionary Conferences: Alaska, Red Bird, Oklahoma* presented by Dr. Linda Crowell. Devotions and luncheon follow. RSVP for lunch (\$5) to the church office by September 9.

Children's Choirs will begin rehearsing on Thursday, September 13 in room 50. **Carol Choir** (K-4th grade) meets 6 - 6:45 pm and **Vivace** (5-7th grade) meets 6:45 - 7:30 pm. Questions? Contact Jenn Call at jcall@further.com.

Agape Choir (8 - 12th grade) meets tonight at 5:30 pm in room 122. Choir director is David Gilson at david.gilson@cim.edu.

Can you help East Ohio Conference Youth double the number of meals packed at November's **Project Feed** to 100,000? The Conference Council on Youth Ministries is looking for individuals and businesses to sponsor the event so that the cost to the youth participants (which includes the COTS Youth) can remain affordable. **Funds are due by Sept. 26.** We are partnering with Rise Against Hunger, whose goal is to end world hunger by 2030. Contact Spencer Short (CCYM member) at skshort.2000@gmail.com for details.

Financial Peace University starts Thursday, Sept. 13 at 7:30 pm with childcare provided. To register, contact Lauren at lcrawford17@jcu.edu.

The **COTS Health Ministry Team** announces a SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM at 6 pm on Sunday, September 16 with a free pasta dinner served at 5 pm at Independence United Methodist Church. (6615 Brecksville Road) This program is for teens and adults and aims to educate on how to identify warning signs and how to handle them once you know someone is struggling. Please RSVP to Independence UMC at 216-524-6054.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, September 9: *Kick-off Sunday*

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

- 10:40 a.m. Prayer Meeting, Myers Chapel
- 4:30 p.m. Good News, Room 122
- 5:30 p.m. Agape, Room 122
- 6:00 p.m. Catalyst Community Bible Study, Offsite

MONDAY, September 10

- 9:00 a.m. Fit for the Kingdom, Calvary Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Church Women United, Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Sojourn Women's Bible Study, Room 121

TUESDAY, September 11

- 10:00 a.m. UMW General Meeting, Parlor
- 12:10 p.m. DownTown Abbey, Offsite
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees, Room 161
- 7:00 p.m. SPRC Meeting, Room 100
- 7:00 p.m. Writers' Guild, Room 121

WEDNESDAY, September 12

- 9:00 a.m. Fit for the Kingdom, Calvary Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal, Great Hall

THURSDAY, September 13

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Carol Choir, Room 050
- 6:30 p.m. Gather, Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Gospel Choir, Room 122
- 6:45 p.m. Bells of the Saviour, Room 223
- 6:45 p.m. Vivace, Room 050
- 7:30 p.m. Financial Peace University, Calvary Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Great Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Man Talk, Room 121

FRIDAY, September 14

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Room 161
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Group Capture the Flag

SATURDAY, September 15

- 8:15 a.m. Spiritual Fitness, Room 121
- 9:00 a.m. Ending Well Workshop, Great Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Fit for the Kingdom, Calvary Hall

SUNDAY, September 16: *2nd Grade Bible Presentation*

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

- 10:40 a.m. Prayer Meeting, Myers Chapel
- 12:00 p.m. Spiritual Revival Prayer Group, Room 204
- 12:15 p.m. Wesley Bells, Room 223
- 1:15 p.m. Flute Ensemble, Room 223
- 4:30 p.m. Good News, Room 122
- 5:30 p.m. Agape, Room 122