

# THE CHIMES

## APRIL 2020



CHURCH of  
the SAVIOUR

### FROM THE LEAD PASTOR

#### *The Best and the Worst*

Much has changed at Church of the Saviour. A month ago, we were beginning the season of Lent, focusing on the upcoming Easter celebration, and eagerly anticipating the outcome of General Conference. Today, we're exploring the limits of our technology, adapting to worship via live stream and pre-recorded video, and General Conference has been postponed.

Underlying all of the practical matters are spiritual concerns. How do people of faith respond to a global pandemic? What does it mean to love our neighbors when we are being encouraged not to leave our homes? How do we provide care and love for each other – attending not only to physical needs, but to mental, emotional, and spiritual health?

I learned recently of a troubling incident involving a person of Asian descent connected to our congregation. He had stopped by a store in the area to pick up a few things. As he walked past a woman in one of the aisles, she stopped and yelled at him, "This is all your fault." Though he was more bemused than offended, the situation underscores the power of fear and prejudice that comes from lack of understanding.

Times of crisis can bring out the best and the worst of us. Fear and panic can cause us to retreat into tribes and camps, taking care of ourselves or our own without concern for others. Hoarding of supplies, adopting a cavalier attitude about public gatherings, and shouting racially motivated insults at others are outward manifestations of inner darkness. But love and compassion can also motivate us to help restock food pantries, volunteer to call homebound seniors and those who are socially isolated, and share words of hope and encouragement with one another.

I don't know what the next month will bring. I don't know how soon this crisis will be over. I don't know what The United Methodist Church does if we can't meet to resolve our present conflict. But I do know what I hope and expect of at least one United Methodist Church. Let this be a time when we are at our best, when our hearts are shaped to more closely resemble Christ's, and when the depth of our character is revealed. Let our witness be that of the old camp song, "They'll know we are Christians by our love."

-Rev. Andy Call



### APRIL WORSHIP SERVICES

Physical distancing requires that we do worship differently, so in the month of April, all worship services will be live-streamed. Visit [cotsumc.org/live-stream](https://cotsumc.org/live-stream). Worship video is available via archive after the service concludes. **Sunday morning services start at 9:30 a.m.**

Please note that the Taizé Worship Service on Wednesday, April 1 is canceled.

**April 5 Palm/Passion Sunday "Mercy/Wrath"**  
(1 Peter 2:21-25) This is the conclusion of the Virtues & Vices Sermon Series.



**April 12 Easter Sunday (John 20:1-18)**



#### New Sermon Series: Finding Our Roots

**April 19 The Middle Way "We are One in Jesus Christ"**  
(Ephesians 4:1-7)

**April 26 Vital Piety and Social Holiness**



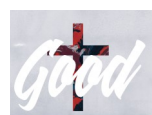
Our sermon series following Easter will be "Finding Our Roots," an exploration of the Wesleyan practice of Christian faith. We are going through a turbulent time in the United Methodist Church, so this is a great opportunity to sink deeply into our Wesleyan roots and rediscover a living, dynamic faith.

### HOLY WEEK

Our scaled-down Holy Week worship schedule will include two live-streamed worship experiences on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. **The worship services start at 7 p.m.**

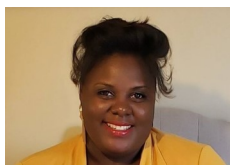
**April 9 - Maundy Thursday/Holy Communion**

Be sure to set aside bread and either grape juice or wine to participate in your home as pastors celebrate communion virtually.



**April 10 - Good Friday**

A reading of the Passion story from the Gospel of John with musical reflections.



## NEW DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Tarah Taylor is the new Director of Operations at Church of the Saviour. Her role encompasses what had been two separate positions: head custodian and properties manager. In this new role of Director of Operations, Tarah will oversee the day-to-day operation of our facility and care for long-term and capital needs for the church property and our two parsonages.

Tarah received her Bachelors of Science in Mathematics from the University of Pittsburgh. She is the founder of Queen Algebra, an online math tutoring company. In general, her career path has included a combination of educational leadership, project management and event planning. Tarah and her husband Micah, are the parents of three children: Ayden, Kellen and Austin. The Taylor family relocated to Cleveland from their home town Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in August 2019.



## AMPLIFY RESOURCES

As we go through a season of physical distancing, we have to get creative about the ways we continue our Bible studies and small groups. Amplify is a multimedia resource available to everyone at COTS, featuring thousands of videos from well-known Christian leaders and popular study materials that can be used for study, worship, reflection, and inspiration. Amplify has videos that can be used in small groups, Bible studies, personal study, and more. You can access all of these videos anytime and on almost any device. Amplify can be accessed with these easy steps:

Visit <https://my.amplifymedia.com/churchofthesaviourclevelandh>

Enter access code: YJTLRH

Create your personal account

We encourage you to create an account and explore all of the resources available to you! If you have any questions about Amplify or how to connect with your small group using this resource, please contact Pastor Amanda at [amoseng@cotsumc.org](mailto:amoseng@cotsumc.org).

### Wesleyan Study Resources/Finding Our Roots

Here are some suggested small group resources from Amplify:

1. "Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It" by Adam Hamilton
2. "Five Means of Grace: Experience God's Love the Wesleyan Way" by Elaine Heath
3. "Five Marks of a Methodist: The Fruit of a Living Faith" by Steve Harper

## NEW ON-LINE BIBLE STUDY

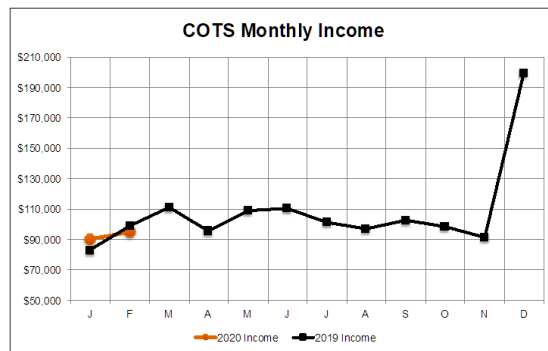
Join Pastor Amanda via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. from April 15 to May 20 for a study of "Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It" by Adam Hamilton. Our sermon series during this time explores the Wesleyan practice of Christian faith and this study is a great opportunity to go deeper. The study book "Revival" is recommended but not required (it can be purchased online at Amazon, Cokesbury, etc). The Zoom link will be emailed each week, so please RSVP to Pastor Amanda at [amoseng@cotsumc.org](mailto:amoseng@cotsumc.org) so you can be added to the weekly email list. Contact Pastor Amanda with any questions about the study.

## FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Thanks to your faithfulness, when the tornados hit the Nashville, Tennessee area in February, UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) was able to quickly send support to the families affected. A part of our annual Apportionment (which is \$178,554 for 2020) goes to fund UMCOR.

	YTD February 2020		
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$185,409	\$211,717	-\$26,308
Expenses	\$215,142	\$238,466	\$23,324
Net Income (Loss)	-\$29,733	-\$26,749	-\$2,984

The good news is total Income for the first two months is \$3,083 above prior year. Consistent with our seasonal pattern, year-to-date Income is \$26,308 below budget and total Expenses are \$23,324 less than what was planned.



With the cancelation of in person services there are still several way to continue supporting COTS ministries:

- Give online at [www.cotsumc.org/give](http://www.cotsumc.org/give). You can make a one-time or recurring gift via account transfer or credit card.
- Mail your offering to the church.
- Text COTSGiving to 216-242-1422.
- Venmo @cotsumc

Joe Hicks, Finance Chair  
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## FREE CARILLON CONCERTS LIFT OUR SPIRITS

In the midst of the current health care crisis, social distancing has become the new norm. Church service attendance, and social gatherings at sporting events, movie theaters, concert halls and restaurants have been suspended to halt the Corona virus spread. At this time Cleveland area carillonneurs are providing free music to the public heard in the outdoor setting. This gives people the opportunity to hear bell music outside, minimizing close physical contact and preventing further viral exposure.

There are only 185 carillons in the United States. The Bronze bells of the Arter Memorial Carillon were cast in the Netherlands and installed at Church of the Saviour in 1953. Charles Arter donated the carillon as a memorial to his late wife and daughter. The bells span 4 octaves, and range in weight from 20 to 5000 pounds for a total carillon weight of 13 tons. The instrument is played on a keyboard below the bell tower. The bells stay in a fixed position; clappers strike the bells to produce music.



*The inscription on each bell reads:*  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
GRACE DENISON ARTER (1876-1944)  
AND HER DAUGHTER ELIZABETH ARTER (1905-1924)

The Carillonneur, Sheryl Modlin, is a Pediatric Anesthesiologist. She is a member of the Bells of the Saviour (hand bells) and Good News Choirs. She has performed as a guest carillonneur at the Alexander McGaffin Carillon at Church of the Covenant. She feels blessed to be a member of Church of the Saviour and considers it a privilege to play the Arter Memorial Carillon. Her hope is to spread joy and peace to all who hear.

For the near future, the Cleveland area Carillonneurs will perform music at the following locations and times:



**Church of the Saviour** (2537 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights)  
Sheryl Modlin/Arter Memorial Carillon  
Saturdays 10:00-10:20 a.m.  
Sundays 11:30-11:50 a.m.

**Church of the Covenant** (11205 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland)  
George Leggerio/The Alexander McGaffin Carillon  
Fridays 12:15-12:45 p.m.  
Sundays 10:00-10:15 a.m.



**St. Paul's Episcopal Church** (2747 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights)  
David Osburn  
Sundays 11:00-11:30 a.m.

**St. Christopher-by-the-Lake** (7601 Old Mill Road, Gates Mills)  
Becky Everett  
Sundays 10:15-10:35 a.m.

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## "REINVENTING" CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES FOR FAMILIES

What a rapidly changing scene we are living in! Our days have been full of physical distancing, homeschooling kids, working remotely, finding alternative work, suddenly spending a \*lot\* of time with family, etc. We are very accustomed, myself included, to being able to share a classroom each week with kiddos as we learn about the awesome word of God. How then, do we as a faith community continue to send a message of hope to this next generation?

The answer is...drum roll please.... **You!** Parents, grandparents, caregivers, siblings. Each and every one of you were faith leaders in the lives of your kiddos long before this virus. As Director of Children's Ministries, I am committed to supporting families in this moment and in the weeks, months to come. Though we cannot physically be together, technology has blessed us with the ability to share a virtual space, as well as the materials your kiddos would be using on Sunday, virus or no.



Coming up, we have a virtual story time for kids, homeschooling help and support with Kelly Collins, Sunday School videos and activities and more! Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram for event times and materials. I will also be sharing these via email.

Laura Moseley, Director of Children's Ministries  
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## CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR STAFF

Andy Call, Lead Pastor  
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 Jennifer Call, Children's Choir Director  
 Curt Campbell, Director of Youth Ministries  
 Robert Campbell, Resident  
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 Virginia Steiger, Handbell Coordinator  
 Tarah Taylor, Director of Operations  
 Dr. Charles D. Yoost, Pastor Emeritus

WEBSITE AND PODCASTING: [cotsumc.org](http://cotsumc.org)

## UPCOMING CHIMES DEADLINES

[chimeseditor@cotsumc.org](mailto:chimeseditor@cotsumc.org)

Deadline	Emailed to you
April 17	April 28
May 15	May 26

## MISSION WORK DAY

Thirty-nine women participated in our Service Day for fellowship and mission projects. We welcomed new partnerships with international Boomerang Bags and Days for Girls. We learned how to create fabric bags to replace one time use plastic ones and we sewed 10 bags. We completed 6 feminine hygiene kits to "Keep Girls in School. Period." The following items were sent to the UMC Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Illinois: 41 flannel baby blankets, 5 knitted infant sweaters, 36 book bags and 32 Birthing Kits. For the annual COTS Easter Egg Hunt we filled too many plastic eggs to count.

Thank you to those who donated fabric.



## EASTER EGG HUNT, VBS, EAST OHIO SUMMER CAMPS

During a normal year, the Children's Ministry Committee would be a flutter of planning and imagineering at this time as we prepare for the Easter Egg Hunt, Vacation Bible School, and more. At this time, the Easter Egg Hunt is postponed. If or when we are able to gather more closely to one another in the summer months, we would love to make this happen. Vacation Bible School may also be taking place later in the summer months if possible.



Summer Camps are up to their own discretion whether or not they will be canceled. As of this publication, [East Ohio Methodist Summer Camps](#) all are going ahead as scheduled. Please reach out to [Laura Moseley](#), for more information regarding summer camp.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Kayla and Austin Fernstrum are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, **Ryder Fernstrum**, who was born on February 26. Siblings are Raquel, Rhyann, and Rory.

*Our CHURCH family*

Calvin Xavier Martocci was born on Monday, March 9. Proud parents are Emily and Mike Martocci, daughter and son-in-law of **Bruce and Debbie Jones**.

## CONDOLENCES

*In Memoriam:*

**Samuel Green** - February 23 2020  
**Christine Norman** - March 24, 2020  
**Phillip Safford** - March 29, 2020

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to their family and friends; and to **Jon Denney** whose wife, Lucinda, died on February 28.



## UMW SPRING FLEA MARKET POSTPONED

Because of COVID-19, the dates for the Spring Flea Market are still to be determined. Please continue to save your "fleas."

