



Columbia Heights United Methodist Church

The Chimes

December – February 2017-2018

Service Times

Contemporary Service	9:00am
Traditional Service	10:30am
Slavic Worship Service	1:00pm

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From the Pastor

I'm walking out of the Goodwill Store off of Hilliard-Rome Road, and what do I see? A lime green Honda with the license plate "GRINCH" and a life-sized Grinch doll sitting in the passenger seat!!! I couldn't believe it! It was a sporty, cool-looking car – and initially I thought, "what kind of person would want to identify with the GRINCH all the time!?!? Don't we already have enough negativity in the world!? Who would want to embrace a life of grouchy pessimism at such a level that they would order a custom paint color, a custom license plate, and a custom doll, all to remind themselves to be a Grinch!?!?"

Ahh – but later I realized: that's only the first part of the movie. How does the movie end? At the end, the Grinch's heart grows three sizes bigger, his empathy grows, his compassion for all the residents down in

Jesus came into the world to save us sinners before we had cleaned up our act. He believed that in the last part of our movie, we could become creatures of great joy and generosity. He put up with the selfish egocentrism of the disciples because he knew that potentially they could become world-changers for the good of humanity. For us, as a painting from our own Jessica Spayde often reminds me, "God's not done with us yet!" So, may this Christmas and Winter give your heart time to grow and overflow with joy and generosity thanks to what God does for you through Jesus! Be a last-part-of-the-movie Grinch!

-Pastor Nathan Custer



the valley grows, and he becomes the epitome of joy and generosity! One of you probably knows the person who owns this car: are they a first-part-of-the-movie Grinch, or a last-part-of-the-movie Grinch?

Which one are you? And when you look at people, do you focus only on their past or what they are right now, or do you hold out hope for what they may become in the future thanks to God?



Upcoming Events

Breakfast With Santa & Cookie Sale

On Saturday, December 16th from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. let the United Methodist Women help you with your Christmas baking. We will have homemade cookies available for sale at \$7.00 Per pound. In addition, bring your children to have breakfast and a picture with Santa. We have seating's at 9:00, 10:00 or 11:00 that morning. You must make reservations for the Breakfast by December 15th. Please call Billie Norris at (614) 531-0009 to make your reservations. Cost for the Breakfast is \$5.00, paid at the door.



Choir Cantata Christmas Concert

Join us during the 10:30 am worship service on December 17th for a Christmas Concert, put on by our Chancel Choir.

Christmas Eve Services

On Sunday December 24th, we will have three Christmas Services. Sunday morning, we will have a blended 10:30am service in the Sanctuary, then Sunday evening we will have two Christmas Eve Candle Light services; 5:00pm will be our contemporary service in the FLC with music from our praise band and 7:00pm will be our traditional service in the Sanctuary with music from our Choir.



Divorce Care

We will be hosting another 13-week Divorce Care class. Classes began, Wednesday January 10, 2018 @ 6:30 pm in Room 117. This session will be led by Sally Stiles. All who are healing after divorce are welcome.

3rd Annual Columbia Heights Talent Showcase

We will be welcoming our Columbia Heights talent to the stage and display area once again on Friday, January 12, 2018. If you have a talent to share (singing, dancing, karate, joke-telling, sewing, knitting, painting or drawing, impressions, cooking/baking, animal calls, writing poetry, playing an instrument....the possibilities are endless!) please contact Laurie Hurd (lhurd@columbiaheightsumc.com or 614-425-4682) to be added to the program. The evening will kick off at 6:30pm with time to browse items on display in the lobby. Performances will begin at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Come support those in our congregation as we celebrate the gifts and talents God has given us!



Volunteer Opportunity

The United Methodist Free Store (Located at: 946 Parsons Ave. Columbus, 43206) will be having their Christmas Shop event on Saturday Dec. 16 from 8:00am—3:30pm. They are in need of volunteers to help with this event. If you are interested in helping please contact the store manager Kim Hairston at 614-203-1003 or 614-443-1713.

Upcoming Events

Annual Breakfast at Der Dutchman

The Tuesday Morning Men's Breakfast Group is having their annual Christmas breakfast at Der Dutchman on Tuesday, December 19 at 7:30 am. You can order from the menu or do the buffet. Everyone is invited. If someone needs a ride, please call the church office at 614-878-4530 and let them know.

Blood Drive

Join us for our next blood drive on Sunday January 21, 2018 in Fellowship Hall from 9:00am—2:00pm. Walk-ins are welcome, but scheduling an appointment is preferred. To make an appointment please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: CHUMC.

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Columbia Heights United Methodist Church on January 23, 2018. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979



Let's Be Healthy Together!



Looking Back

Turkey Dinner Wrap-Up

Saturday, November 11th the United Methodist Women, with the help of many others in our church family, hosted our annual Turkey Dinner and Bazaar. We truly appreciate the support from everyone who donated their time, talents and money to make this event a success. Thank you to all everyone who purchased tickets and were able to attend and enjoy all the festivities. From this event thanks to the Turkey Dinner sales, Mrs. Claus Kitchen, Santa's Workshop, and the North Pole Recycling Center we received over \$3,000 towards our General Fund for the Church. Once again, thank you all for your support.

Family Ministries

Expressing Gratitude In Bible Zone

On the Sunday after Thanksgiving, our Bible Zone kids expressed their thanks for all God has provided for us by doing a service project - making non-skid socks that were delivered to a local nursing home for their residents. Thanks to all who donated socks, puffy paint, or cash to purchase supplies. The kids had a fun time making creative designs on the sock bottoms.



CHUMC News

The Giving Tree

Will happen again this year, in a limited capacity, to help serve the needs of families in our church and preschool. Each person will receive 4 gifts: something they want, something they need, something to wear, and something to read. Tags will be posted in the lobby soon if you'd like to help supply these needs. Please sign your name on the corresponding tag and leave it behind, while taking the top tag and attach to the gift-wrapped presents (to be returned by Wednesday, December 20). If you have questions or if you or someone you know in our church is in need and you are unable to help fulfill that need please contact Laurie Hurd at lhurd@columbiaheightsumc.com.

Food Pantry Needs

The food pantry is in need of a few items. Please see the list below of items to donate:

- o Saltine Crackers
- o Canned Fruit
- o Bathroom Supplies

Columbia Heights Needs Network

In an effort to connect people who have needs with those who can help, or to advertise free items someone else might be able to make of good use, we have created a new Facebook Group called "Columbia Heights Needs Network." This is a closed group, restricted to those who are truly connected to our congregation either by attending our church, preschool, youth group, Scouts, or other auxiliary ministries. You may search the group name and request to be added. The more people represented in the group, the greater the likelihood needs can be met! We hope this will be a great resource to serve our church family. If you have questions, contact Laurie, lhurd@columbiaheightsumc.com or 614-425-4682.

New General Church Email Address

We have created a new church email address. If you still send emails to the old sbcglobal.net email, please note that we are no longer using that email address. So now if you have questions or requests that you are unsure of who to ask, you can use this email to send your questions to and

then we can direct them to who can help you. Our new email address is: Admin@columbiaheightsumc.com. This new email address is also on the back of the bulletin, on the front of the newsletter and is on our website.

From Your Finance Secretary

Greetings to all of you as we enter this most blessed time of the year! I pray that you are in good health and enjoying time here at Columbia Heights with your family and friends. I want to thank all of you for your support and patience in adjusting to some new methods with Breeze, our new Church Management system.

Just a couple of reminders:

- You can now log in to your personal record in Breeze and check your giving history at any time.
- If you find a discrepancy or if you would like an interim statement before year end, please call the church office at 614-878-4530 or email me at: cpack@columbiaheightsumc.com.

Here's how you can help make sure everything is credited correctly:

- Please fill out an envelope with your Name, Amount, mark the Cash or Check box, and information for Operating Fund or Other Church Fund.
- Even if you are using a check fill out an envelope! These are kept on file and are how we log your donation for your gift receipt. These are looked at during audits as well.
- If you give cash and do not want it logged to your donor record or receive a giving statement, you don't need to use an envelope.

Note: Just place in the plate, this will be counted as "loose cash." If you are more comfortable placing your cash gift in an envelope without your name, don't seal it and we can re-use the envelope.

I would be remiss in not acknowledging all the volunteers who help count and prepare the deposits every week. So, a special heartfelt thanks to Sue Sparks, Dan Chatfield, Angie Boggs, Jody Moshier, Judy Arganbright, Sharon May, Bob McGraner, Ron McCullough and Rob Carder for all your hard work and dedication to Columbia Heights!

Blessings,
Carol Pack

Preschool News

Hello Everyone,

Kid Quote for this issue: “M” pointing at a picture of a canoe. “That’s a hot dog boat!”

December

- Welcome our newest staff member, Lindsey Swartz. Lindsey will be the assistant teacher Monday – Wednesday – Friday mornings in Mrs. Oaks classroom. Both of her children have attended Columbia Heights Preschool and she is excited to join our team.
- In this season of giving please, consider giving a preschooler the gift of education. Donations to the Jerinel Maynard Scholarship fund sponsor a child to attend your high-quality program. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to Columbia Heights Preschool. You may give your donations to the office or put them in the Preschool mailbox. Thank you!
- Christmas Parties will be held Tuesday, December 19 & Wednesday, December 20, 2017.
- Winter break begins Thursday, December 21, 2017
- Early Learning Assessment 1st Checkpoint results shared with families. Results also used in our curriculum planning process.

January

- Preschool resumes on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.
- Ironwood Wolves Visit
- No Preschool MLK Day – Monday, January 15, 2018
- No Preschool Professional Day – Tuesday, January 16, 2018
- Parent Group Meeting January 17 & 18. Thanks for the help!

February

- Family Education Workshop – Thursday, February 1, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Valentine’s Day Parties – February 13 & 14, 2018.
- Parent Group – February 21 & 22, 2018
- Early Learning Assessment 2nd Checkpoint begins – February 15, 2018
- No Preschool President’s Day- Monday, February 19, 2018.

Blessings,
Pat Emmelhainz

Deck The Halls

As we all get ready for Christmas (the coming of the Christ Child) we are daily gathering together trees and trimmings, candles and wreaths, garlands and gifts. We wait with anticipation for the Savior’s birthday whether we are at church, at home, in restaurants, at parties, in the malls, in theatres...or other places, taking in the decorations, lights, and amazing signs of the wonder of Christ!

During this hectic but wonderful time, our church painting project will be taking a short break. We will resume painting activities after the New Year. With one exception, Gary and his team will be painting two of our church preschool rooms; room B and the nursery over the Preschool holiday break. This will be the only project of this sort happening over the holidays. In the meantime, we hope your hearts are filled with joy that the signs of Christmas are here and everywhere; and that we fill our spirits with the good news of Christ Jesus. We wish you and your families a blessed Christmas season wherever you may find yourself.

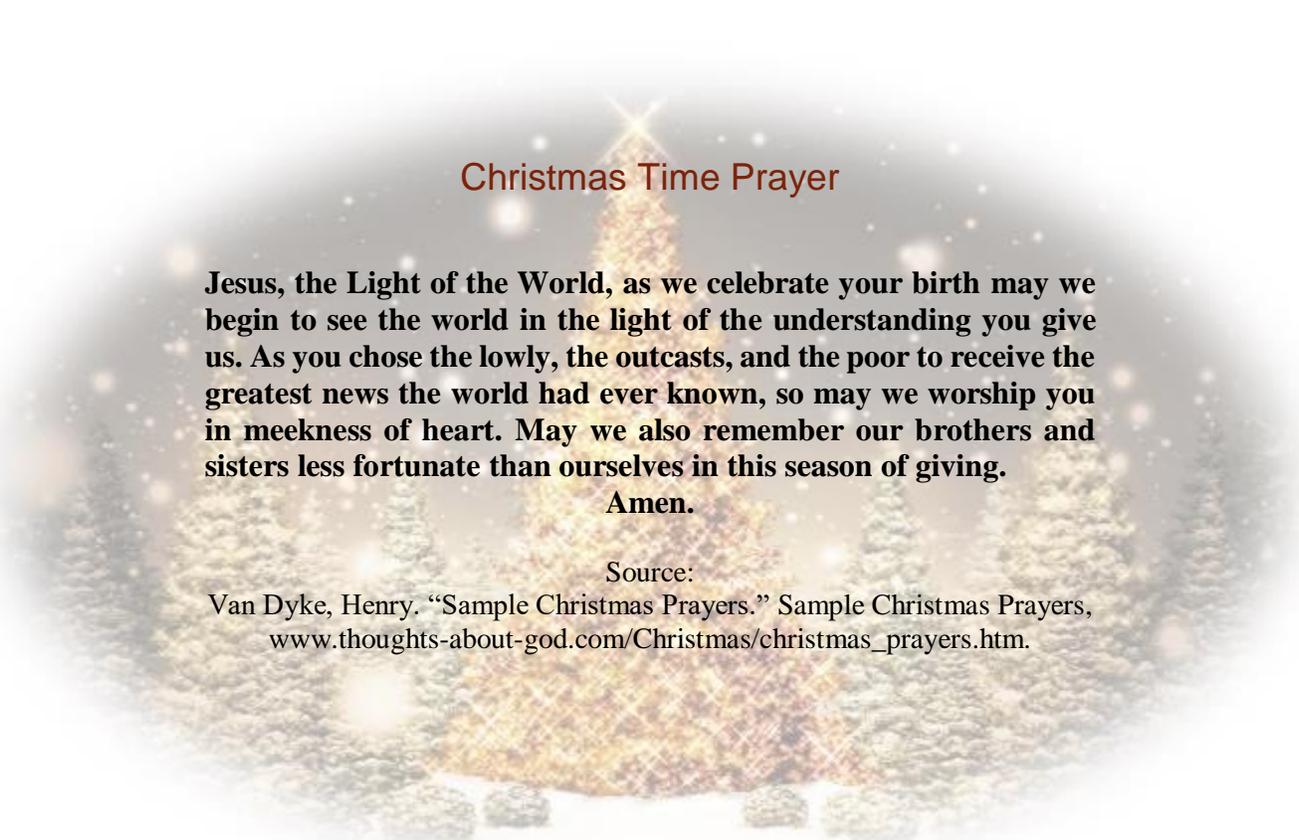
We hope you come and bring your family and friends to our holiday services...whether it be the Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata on December 17th at 10:30 a.m. or any of our beautiful Christmas Eve services.

If you typically attend the 9:00 a.m. Contemporary service, you will want to know about and invite your friends to our first Contemporary worship experience for Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m. Both our 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. services that evening will be candlelight services. The children will be participating in both services and special music will abound! We are so excited to celebrate in grand style the coming birth of our Savior and to share this good news with our community, our friends, our loved ones, and all people!

On behalf of the operations team, blessings to you this Christmas and always!

Suzie Smith-Rios





Christmas Time Prayer

Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth may we begin to see the world in the light of the understanding you give us. As you chose the lowly, the outcasts, and the poor to receive the greatest news the world had ever known, so may we worship you in meekness of heart. May we also remember our brothers and sisters less fortunate than ourselves in this season of giving.

Amen.

Source:

Van Dyke, Henry. "Sample Christmas Prayers." Sample Christmas Prayers, www.thoughts-about-god.com/Christmas/christmas_prayers.htm.