

# The Chimes

March – May  
2018

## Service Times

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

From Pastor Nathan Custer:

**We're the sum, the total, the accumulation, of our daily decisions and actions.**

**I'm starting this article with that statement, because while I considered what to write about that might be helpful to you where you are, I was bombarded with thoughts of very important events in our church and community and world and was overwhelmed: Billy Graham passed away and we're reflecting on his life and world impact; school shootings have again shaken our country; police officers have been shot and our community grieves and worries about the future; gun legislation is argued in the state and federal governments; sex-and-power-related scandals have shocked us from Hollywood to the Olympics; depending on the day it looks like North Korea might kill us or try to be our friend; and our United Methodist leaders have asked me to partner with St. Mark's UMC starting in July to simultaneously lead us and them to see what God has in store for their congregation in relation to us. So many things to think and pray about!!!**

**But at the end of the day, we are going to be directly impacted most NOT by any of those things but rather by the little decisions and actions we make throughout this day and tomorrow and the next day and so on. We can't make a direct impact on North Korea, but we might make or break the day of our neighbor when we talk to them this evening. Our position on gun control and the security of the schools is important, but the kid next door wants to know if we will be kind to them and make their life a little better. Billy Graham's legacy was amazing – but the person to tell your niece about Jesus might be you rather some Christian superstar.**

**I want to pastor people who will change the world and have an everlasting impact on people, but we become such people not just by debating huge issues and worrying about society's ills. We become such people by small daily actions, like carefully deciding what we read or listen to or watch in the morning that will start our day focused on Jesus. Little daily decisions are what will make us world-changers, like: what we eat and how we're active; when we'll pray; how we'll stay alert to God's presence throughout the day; what we'll say to the people who make us mad; how we'll pray for the needs we encounter; how we engage the Bible daily to connect with God's Holy Spirit; and how we end our day in the evening to prepare our body and soul to be ready for tomorrow.**

**Of course I hope you and I will take the 'correct' positions on the major issues of our world and will honor people's lives when they're taken from us and will care about the big problems of society – but I hope even more that *your daily routine* will include things that you find help you to know Jesus better, listen to the Holy Spirit better, learn the Bible more, and love ever more intentionally your neighbors. What will you read today -- what will you choose to listen to -- what will you watch – what will you do – that will help you to know and follow Jesus well TODAY?**

**-Pastor Nathan Custer**

## Upcoming Events

### River Ratz At York Steakhouse

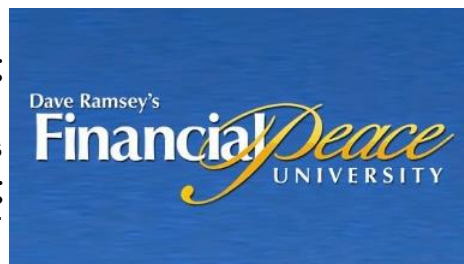
**Join us for our next blood drive on Sunday March 25, 2018 in Fellowship Hall from 9:00am—2:00pm. Walk-ins are welcome, but scheduling an appointment is preferred. To make an appointment please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), sponsor code: CHUMC.**

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### Financial Peace University Classes

**Beginning Thursday March 29th, in the evenings at 6:30, and continuing for the following nine weeks, the Spring edition of Financial Peace University will be presented. Classes are approximately 90 to 110 minutes long as members learn to control their money using God's guiding principles. Course materials and membership to FPU currently cost \$109. Contact Fritz Ballard for a 35% discount on that price, to sign up for the class, or for more information; (text or call) 614-370-3297. You may also email him at [fritz.welcomerelief@gmail.com](mailto:fritz.welcomerelief@gmail.com).**



### Life Groups' Brunch

**Saturday, March 17, 10am -- for anyone who's currently in a Life Group to learn from and celebrate what each other's groups are doing AND for anyone interested in newly joining or starting a group to see what they're all about. Save this date! And ask all your group members to save it also. Please ask group members to bring a simple Brunch item to share. We will provide the coffee and tea (since it is St. Patrick's Day, I will make sure we have Green Tea!).**

### Easter Choir Cantata

**Join us on Sunday March 18, during our 10:30 am worship for wonderful performance from our Choir. All are welcome to come and enjoy the Easter Choir Cantata. We hope you can come!**

## Upcoming Events

### Dream Big Meeting @ St. Mark's UMC

**We invite you to come to St. Mark's UMC on Sunday March 25 @ 12pm for an Open House. This will be an opportunity for anyone from Columbia Heights to go see their church facility and pray together and start to generate ideas in order to "DREAM BIG" about what God might lead us to do together in our ministry partnership**



### Good Friday Service

**Join us at 7PM for our Good Friday Worship Service here at Columbia Heights UMC in our Sanctuary. This year our Good Friday service will be done in combination with St. Mark's UMC as a joint worship service together.**

### Family Games Night

**Join us on April 13 from 6-8:30 pm for a fun night to play games together—board games, card games, or fun in the gym. We'll have pizza, drinks and snacks. Bring your family's favorite board or card games and a \$2/person donation for pizza.**



### 2018 VBS Registration

**Registration is now open! "Game On" - our 2018 Vacation Bible School will be occurring June 18-22, 6:00-8:30pm for kids 4 years old thru those entering 6th grade. Registration is already open, so don't wait to sign up! Go to our website: [wherethefriendsaremade.org](http://wherethefriendsaremade.org) and click on the VBS link. It takes a lot of people to execute this crazy week of fun, so if you would like to join our team, email Laurie, [lhurd@columbiaheightsumc.com](mailto:lhurd@columbiaheightsumc.com). We need help with snacks, science, crafts, recreation, music, and leading kids through the different stations.**

**GEAR UP!  
GET READY!  
GAME ON!**

## Family Ministries

<b>2018 Family Fun Activities</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>What it's All About...</b>	<b>Other Details...</b>
<b>Games Night</b>	April 13 6-8:30 pm	A fun night to play games together—board games, card games, or fun in the gym. We'll have pizza, drinks and snacks.	Bring your family's favorite board or card games and a \$2/person donation for pizza.
<b>Kayak Trip @ Trapper John's Canoe Livery</b>	June 2 10:00 am (Rain Date: June 9)	Meet @ Trapper John's at 10am, plan to all get on the creek by 10:30. go to <a href="http://trapperjohnscanoeing.com">trapperjohnscanoeing.com</a> for trip descriptions and pricing. Canoeing and kayaking available.	Bring a picnic lunch to at the first "get out" spot. We'll all plan to stop and eat together then whoever chooses to, may continue down the creek. Wear clothes and shoes that can get wet, sunscreen and hats, etc.
<b>Picnic @ the Park; Battelle Darby Indian Ridge Area</b>	August 5 Noon—3:00pm (Rain Date: August 12)	This year we'll gather at the section of the park south of Alkire Road to enjoy a picnic lunch together, games, and building friendships. Foot golf, playground, swings, etc.	Bring your lunch, drinks, lawn chairs, picnic blankets, soccer balls, bikes, fishing poles, etc.
<b>Family Camp Out</b>	September 7-8 6:30pm—9:00am (Rain Date: Sept. 14-15)	Potluck supper, bonfire, and overnight Camp Out behind the church. Come for the evening or, better yet, pitch a tent and spend the night! S'mores provided, and a light breakfast in the morning.	Bring a dish to share for the potluck supper, lawn chairs, tents, and overnight needs.
<b>Trunk—or—Treat</b>	October 21 3—5:00pm	Go around the parking lot to "Trunk—or—Treat", participate in our 1.) Chili/Soup cook-off, 2.) our Pumpkin/Apple cook-off and 3.) an age-specific coloring contest! Hotdogs and popcorn served. Enter for a chance to win door prizes. Don't forget to wear your costume and bring a bag for candy.	We need people to decorate trunks, serve on a Kitchen Team, serve on a Cleanup Team, man the Registration Table, and submissions for our food cook-offs. Candy donations also welcome.

## Youth News

### Youth Group Adopts a Girl in Mexico

**The youth group has adopted a Girl in Mexico that we now support, and her name is Erika. She is 12 years old and lives with both parents and her father is in agriculture. Has 2 siblings and is in the first grade in her secondary school. We are supporting her at 39 dollars a month and taking tithes on Sunday nights and mornings from the students to help her out.**



### Preschool Easter Concert

**Easter Sunday we are having the 3,4,5-year old's in front of church singing a couple of songs they are learning in Sunday school. The Columbia Heights Preschool kids are invited as well that morning so please welcome new faces because we are hoping that we have a very large contingent of little ones. It is for the 9 am service.**

### Youth Camp

**The Program Director for the Otterbein camp that is affiliated with the Methodist churches in the area is coming on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be here for both services to give a little presentation and information for this summer's camping schedule. This is for the kids and for the adults in the family camps.**

### New Weekday Youth Night

**New! Youth "Wreck" Night on Thursday's @ 5:30pm. For grades 6th-12th, Join us for a fun mid-week evening playing games, having discussions, and hanging out together. For more info please contact Jonathan Rodriquez at [jrodriguez@columbiaheightsumc.com](mailto:jrodriguez@columbiaheightsumc.com).**



## Preschool News

Hello Everyone,

**Kid Quote for this issue: "I know how to do my name in silence!" (Meant sign language)**

### March

- 👏 **Welcome our newest staff member, Rebekah Mosora. Rebekah will be the assistant teacher Monday – Wednesday – Friday mornings in Mrs. Emmelhainz' classroom. All of her children have attended Columbia Heights Preschool and she is excited to join our team.**
- 👏 **Lifetouch Pictures will be holding their Spring / Graduation Picture Day March 12 & 13. All profits will go to the playground project. We need a new retaining wall and mulch.**
- 👏 **No Preschool – Monday, March 19, 2018 – Professional Day**
- 👏 **Parent Group 3/21/18 & 3/22/18**
- 👏 **No Preschool – Friday, March 23, 2018 – Staff In-Service Day**
- 👏 **Spring break begins Monday, March 26, 2018. Preschool reopens Tuesday, April 3, 2018**
- 👏 **Early Learning Assessment is in full swing. This will be followed by Parent-Teacher Conferences.**

### April

- 👏 **Preschool resumes Tuesday, April 3, 2018**
- 👏 **Parent Group 4/18/18 & 4/19/18**
- 👏 **St. Jude Trike-A-Thon will be held on Friday, April 20, 2018. There will be \$5.00 minimum donation to ride in our Trike-A-Thon.**
- 👏 **Parent-Teacher Conferences - TBD**

### May

- 👏 **Parent Group – May 16 & 17, 2018**
- 👏 **Early Learning Assessment Ends – May 14, 2018**
- 👏 **No Preschool Memorial Day- Monday, May 28, 2018**
- 👏 **Graduation / End of Year Days – May 29 & 30, 2018**
- 👏 **Staff In-Service day – Thursday, May 31, 2018**

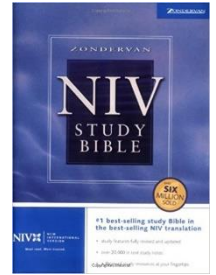


**Blessings,  
Pat Emmelhainz**



## Biblical Resources

**Study Bibles** – There’s never been a time in all of human history in which people have had better access to the Bible than right now. Have trouble understanding all the strange names and events and places in the Bible? Get an *NIV Study Bible*. Have a lot of questions about the validity of the Bible and lots of questions? Check out the *Quest Study Bible* or *The Apologetics Study Bible*. Like archeology? Look at the *Archaeology Study Bible*. Want to study the Bible devotionally, like “I’m just trying to meet you and learn from you daily, God” then you could look into the *Women’s Devotional Bible* or the *Every Man’s Bible*.



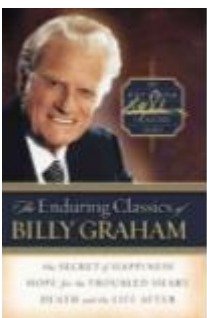
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**Smart phone app: YouVersion**—Download and install it from your phone’s App store, and you’ll have access to Bible versions, audio readings of the Bible, videos, reading plans – more than you can imagine, all for free.



**Axis.org** – for people who want to keep up on the latest trends of our culture and technology (like, “What are our kids doing now on their smartphones!?!?”) – these folks compile summaries of a lot of things that are going on around us and help Christians understand them and make smart choices for their lives and the lives of their kids.

**TheBibleProject.com** – Through instructional videos that look like comic book illustrations but are crafted by learned Bible scholars, you can learn about the various books in the Bible in ways you may have never thought possible.



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A large, semi-circular image of a stream flowing through a forest of blooming pink cherry blossom trees. The water is clear and reflects the surrounding greenery and flowers. The sky is a soft, pale blue. The entire scene is framed by a thin black border.

## Spring Time Prayer

**For flowers that bloom about our feet,  
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet,  
For song of bird, and hum of bee,  
For all things fair we hear or see,  
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!**

**For blue of stream and blue of sky,  
For pleasant shade of branches high,  
For fragrant air and cooling breeze,  
For beauty of the blooming trees,  
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!**

**-Ralph Waldo Emerson**

Read more at <http://www.beliefnet.com/prayers/protestant/gratitude/springtime-prayer.aspx#exR7J0LoxXRcGSYj.99>