

The Chimes

June - August
2018

From Pastor Nathan Custer:

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

The new movie “Peter Rabbit” is a cinematic version of the children’s book by the same name that I remember fondly as my mom would read it to me at bedtime. It contains a hilarious scene in which a rooster crows at daybreak – which, in real life, isn’t strange or funny at all since it’s just what roosters do. But, in the movie scene, the rooster has forgotten all the previous days that have started with the sun rising. When the sun went down the night before, the rooster assumed the sun was gone forever. It would forever be dark. No more sun. It’s gone. So, having forgotten the other mornings, the rooster awakes in startled, spastic amazement, and with a goofy face, crows: “WHAT!?!? It came up AGAIN!!!??? This is UNBELIEVABLE!!!!!!”



In our dark times, it’s easy for us to become like that rooster. Yes, God has spoken to us in the past, but God doesn’t seem to be speaking *now* so we question whether it was *ever* real. Yes, God has provided in the past just what we needed, but *right now* the need seems so huge that God must not be interested in providing...if there is a God at all. Yes, in the past a thousand times we’ve felt the goodness and presence of God, but because the feeling *right now* is one of intense pain and absence of God, we doubt all those other previous feelings.

This is a lack of faith, but it doesn’t do much good to feel guilty about feeling this way – it’s something we all fall into sometimes. We’re all tempted to lose sight of what God’s done in the past and tempted to forget who we are in relation to God in the present, and when we fall into that temptation we fall into dark feelings and sometimes into dark actions. In the darkness, God is there – and God will speak a Word, albeit maybe in a different way or different tone of voice than what we’re accustomed to. When God speaks – whether through a new thought, a piece of music, advice from a friend, a Bible passage we read, a sermon we hear, a story we encounter—it is essential that we listen to that Word, stare at and accept that Word, embrace it, and act on it. Yes, we may feel a bit silly – like the rooster startled at dawn at the ‘new’ rising of the sun – but get over it! Admit you lost your way for a while, rejoice at the fact that now you’re back in the light, and do what that Word from God leads you to do.

For all my friends out there, who are tempted by or who have fallen into the darkness, I pray for you to receive and act on the startling light of a new and fresh Word from God right now.

James 1:22 “Do not only listen to the word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror, and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom and continues in it – not forgetting what they have heard but doing it – they will be blessed in what they do.”

-Pastor Nathan Custer

Summer Events

Hardesty Heights Annual Carport Sale!

On Saturday June 9, 2018 from 9:00am—3:00pm, the Hardesty Heights housing community just off Norton rd. will be having their Annual Carport sale. All are welcome to walk around the neighborhood to see what people are selling, you can also stop by the party house for hot dogs, baked treats, drinks and other snacks. This event will happen rain or shine, so bring your sunglasses or an umbrella and shop till you drop!

Vacation Bible School – 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 still open, so don't wait to sign up! Go to our website: wherefriendsaremade.org and click on the VBS link.



Blood Drive

Join us for our next blood drive on Sunday July 22, 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 August 28, 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. 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!



Columbus Arts Festival | June 8 – 10, 2018, Scioto Mile

Featuring more than 280 nationally acclaimed artists, the Columbus Arts Festival takes over the downtown riverfront. Stroll along the Scioto Mile with friends and family and enjoy the art, entertainment and food that make this event so special.

Summer Events

Can You Volunteer at the Westland Area Parade?

As you may have noticed in the church bulletins, we are again participating in the Westland Area Parade. Jim and Kay Kaho are gracious enough to provide a fully decorated and professionally made float as a donation to our church and have been doing so for the last few years. This year the parade theme is: "Celebrating Our CommUNITY!" We hope you will UNIFY with us on June 30 as we ride and walk alongside our beautifully made float. We do pass out candy and sometimes literature about the church to invite people to an upcoming event or just to provide more information about our church and its ministries. We will likely wear our Columbia Heights shirts, or you can certainly wear any red, white and blue outfit that you prefer. I am hoping to get a solid number of persons that want to participate as soon as possible, so please let me know you plan to be there by reaching out to me at the church office or again by email at ssmithrios@columbiaheightsumc.com. All ages are welcome, and we will have more seating on the float this year for those that cannot walk...so please don't let the length of the walk intimidate you from coming out and making this the best parade ever! Bless you all as we grow in discipleship and reach out to our community better and better!!!

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Red, White & BOOM! | July 3, 2018, Downtown Columbus

There are few more patriotic ways to kick off your Independence Day weekend than at the largest fireworks display in Ohio. Festivities start at noon and the big show starts at 10 p.m. Plan to be downtown very early, because the best spots go fast!

CHUMC News

Columbia Heights Tutoring

A new ministry is being birthed! We are extremely excited to announce a new opportunity for those of you who care about kids and our community schools. You have told us that outreaching to our community is part of our church mission and we have been looking for an opportunity such as this for quite a while now. The potential growth of what we can do with this new ministry is limitless and we will be praying and paying very close attention to your response as we grow into deeper relationship with this initiative.

We have initiated a partnership with an organization whom is employed within South-Western City Schools, called "Communities In Schools". More detailed information will be available this summer, but we wanted to give you a taste of what this partnership will entail. Communities in Schools is an organization that seeks out community involvement to help match up like minded missions of businesses and non-profits into schools within the district that need any source of assistance. CIS approached our church conference and made available the opportunity for any church interested and we were excited to proceed with a pilot program which began in February.

Columbia Heights has been working with Michelle "Shelly" Lowry who is a site coordinator for CIS at Prairie Norton Elementary School and who is helping to lead us as we work with Columbus Tutoring Initiative to provide tutoring for third graders who have been identified by their teachers as needing tutoring assistance. This assistance will help kids pass the Third Grade Reading Guarantee mandated by the State of Ohio to continue into the fourth grade. The tutoring will help them to go even beyond this low bar expectation and hopefully help the students get closer to being proficient and advance to their grade level expectations.

Beyond just reading with the kids, we provide a wonderful source of mentorship to these specific kids over an entire school year. The benefit to the children has been measurable and the benefit to the ones tutoring has been an unexpected and welcome surprise! All our brave and wonderful volunteers showed up each week, and their commitment made this whole experience worthwhile!

For next year, we are ready to take the next steps and will be searching out additional volunteers who have a passion for helping students, schools and teachers, on a once a week basis, in a very organized way with the help of our site coordinator. A brief training will be provided at the church by end of summer and we will be ready to get started with the program by October. Stay tuned for more specific details by July. However, if you can't wait until then and want to talk to someone about this amazing opportunity right now...please contact me at the church office or by e-mail at ssmithrios@columbiaheightsumc.com.

CHUMC News

Stewardship Campaign

In the months of April and May we have brought back a pledge card campaign to Columbia Heights Church. If you missed it and want to complete a pledge card, please do so on Sunday or come to the church office during office hours, Tuesday through Thursday.

In the past, pledge cards have been a big part of helping our congregation intentionally consider their monetary gifts to the Lord. However, in the last few years we have been focusing a lot of energy and effort in reorganizing the church with our new Leadership Board and fine tuning all our current ministries. With the subsequent growth of the church, we realized we were possibly not spending an equal amount of time developing and sustaining a healthy Stewardship Campaign which is crucial in maintaining support for existing and new ministries.

We know God expects us to do both! And we are pleased with the response to which all of you have stepped into the completion of the cards in such a supportive and caring way!! We know you expect and we hope to provide, creative, caring and competent staff leadership as well as the best possible resourcing to every area of our church while also being able to maintain all our building related needs. It is tall order that we intend to fulfill!! Thank you again for your pledges to help us do this and for showing us that Columbia Heights Church is worth your time, talents and treasures!

Suzie Smith-Rios

Opportunities to Help at St. Mark's United Methodist Church

As we explore the ways in which our two churches might partner in ministry to our community, during dozens of questions there are currently three clear opportunities that you might be interested in. If interested, contact our Office Administrator at kpratt@columbiaheightsumc.com or 614-878-4530.

Volunteer Coordinator of their "Kids Zone" once-a-month event – On the second Friday evening of the month from 6:30-8:30 pm, they hold a vbs-style evening of activities for 20-35 kids in the community who range in ages from 5-12. Most of the kids are also from their daycare. The coordinator plans and prepares for a couple of games or other activities that relate to a Bible Story and makes sure the other volunteers are all coordinated.

Grant-Writer for their daycare ("A Child's Garden"—A.C.G.) – We know there is funding available from Foundations, Trusts, government entities, Corporations, etc. for daycares like ACG whose majority of students come through the Publicly Funded Daycare program, but we need help finding it and applying for such grants.

CHUMC NEWS

Free store / "Clothes Closet" Coordinators – Pastor Nancy is heading up one final community initiative before being transferred from St. Mark's: a joint effort between our churches to offer free clothing once a month to people in need in our community on the third Thursday of each month. This date coincides with the Prairie Township Firehouse's free Produce Giveaway just down the street from the church, so that people can get fresh food and some new-to-them clothing on the same great day. Clothing will be collected at both churches but stored at and given away from St. Mark's. Clothing donations can be dropped off at our north side entrance's foyer near our offices, as is normally done for donated items for the West Side Free Store.

Memorial Garden Information

We need information! We are trying to put together a pamphlet about the history behind our Memorial Garden for new or current members who would like to know more about it. So, if anyone has any background history or information about the garden, we would love for you to share it with us. Please bring any information you have to the front office, or you can email any information to our Office Administrator Kara Pratt at: kpratt@columbiaheightsumc.com. Thank you for your help and knowledge!

Note of Thanks

Our dear Church family,

There are not words to tell you all of the thanks we have for the gifts we have been given from you in this most horrific time of our son's death.

Cards of caring... abundant food prepared and shared with love.... gifts of time and service.... a beautiful sanctuary and gathering area...people running the service.... greeters.....your presence at his memorial. And I have only hit some of the ways you lightened and carried our burden as if it were your own.

Thank you.

I also want you to know that the Pastoral care shown to us by Pastor Nathan was above everything we could have hoped for. The timely prayers and visits from Pastor Phil were so very needed.

Our son is gone. Nothing can change that. But the task that Christ charges us all with was completely and perfectly carried out by all of you.

Well done, thou good and faithful servants.

-Megan and Frank Rozanek and family

Preschool News

Hello Everyone,

Kid Quote for this issue: "The car is at the car doctor's!" (meant repair shop)



End of Year News

- ❖ The preschool children and families raised \$2,155.00 for St. Jude's Research Hospital. Young children benefit through events like our Trike-A-Thon by developing empathy for others. This family fun event is an annual event for the preschool. We are scheduled to hold next year's on 4/26/19. Come join us to see the fun.
- ❖ Your preschool staff is continuing their education. Trisha Justice has just completed her CDA. Dian Oaks is returning to CSCC to complete her Associate degree. I have only 4 more classes to complete my bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from University of Cincinnati. This commitment to furthering our knowledge base is one of the many reasons Columbia Heights is a high-quality program. Be sure to thank them for their commitment to Columbia Heights Preschool.
- ❖ Enrollment is 48 at this time. There are still spaces available for the ECE Grant for next year. Spread the word!

June

Pat's posted office hours are Tuesday & Wednesdays 9:00 – 2:00 p.m. She is in other times of the week as necessary. Drop by and say "Hi!" She is available for tours, etc. other days or times by appointment only. Her vacation is slated for 6/11/18 – 6/24/18.

July

Summer Parent Orientation is scheduled for Thursday, July 12, 2018. There will be a power point presentation for any family who cannot attend this event. The supply fee and first month tuition is due at this time. Each child will receive a t-shirt upon enrollment.

August

Preschool resumes with Meet the Teacher Day on August 16, 2018. Families meet their teacher and receive specific information for that classroom. First day of preschool is Wednesday, August 22, 2018.

Blessings,
Pat Emmelhainz



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Looking Back

“May the Fourth Be with You” – Star Wars Event

On Friday May 4th Duane McVay hosted the “May the Fourth Be with You” Star Wars event at St. Marks. We invited the community to come out and enjoy a Light Saber fight demonstration from the Columbus Light Saber Academy, enjoy many crafts, fun Star Wars themed snacks, and got to hear from a few guys from the Refuge Ohio. It was a fun filled evening, enjoyed by all who came.



Youth Group Zoo Trip

On Sunday May 20th our Youth Foundations Class took a day trip to the Columbus Zoo & Aquarium! They had a fun filled day exploring the zoo, getting Dippin' Dots, petting sting rays, and just having fun. There will be more fun filled days to come during the summer, so keep an eye out for future events in the bulletins. If you have any questions or are interested in helping with the youth group or if you have a teen interested in joining the youth group, please contact Jon Rodriguez at: jrodriguez@columbiaheightsumc.com.



Compassion Connection

We would like to introduce our new Director of Compassion Connection here at Columbia Heights. Caryl Mueller, Caryl has been with us for the past ten years and has a sincere heart for serving others. If you see her around, please introduce yourself and pass on your concerns and we'll do our best to live up to our slogan, "Where Friends Are Made." Caryl will be serving as our point person, collecting and following up with our parishioners with their health concerns.



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About Me:

I have been a member of the church since May 2008. I love to travel and after "retiring" from full time employment in the travel business for many years, I now customize, package and escort motor coach tours. Presently I do for 3 church's all of which I have been doing since 1992. I like being with people and seeing them happy and having a good time. I lost my husband, Alan, 8 months ago. Since that time, I have been devoting as much time as possible volunteering and serving our church in any way that I am call upon to do. As have others I have had many challenges in my life and with God's help and the help of family and friends I have been able to overcome them. I thank God for all of the blessings he has given me and continues to give me every day. I am especially blessed having found this church, the people in it, Pastor Nathan and Pastor Phil, who are all so caring and giving.