



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS | June 9, 2019

WELCOME, CHRIS NICHOLS!

While Vicki is away, the Governance Board is pleased to hire the Rev. Dr. Chris Nichols to serve as our sabbatical interim pastor. Chris is a recently retired pastor who has served churches in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania before moving back to his roots in Northeast Ohio so that he can be closer to his children and grandchildren.

Chris comes to us with a passion for faith that makes a difference in our homes and communities and with a deep concern for the marginalized. A former art teacher, he loves to illustrate his sermons using photos from his own personal files. Chris' former conference associate minister called him "one of the most exceptional pastors I know." Vicki notes, "I am so happy to know that you will be in good hands while I am away." Please welcome Chris warmly and be sure to wear your nametags to assist him in getting to know you.



Thanks to all who participated in the Silent Auction of Bill Rolland's wonderful wood carvings. We raised about \$1000 which will go to purchase building materials at Lotts Creek! Thank You!

APRIL FINANCIAL RESULTS

April 2019 income of \$32,278 was \$3,133 below budget for the month, largely due to unpledged contribution being below budget. Fiscal year to date income of \$209,072, is below budget \$20,805, again largely due to unpledged contributions.

April expenses of \$28,283 were also under budget by \$3,165. Fiscal year to date expenses of \$209,081, are under budget by \$18,811, with staff expense \$11,514 below budget.

As a result, income exceeded expenses and posted a \$3,995 surplus in the month of April. Fiscal year to date deficit is \$10 and represents 0% of our total savings (Funds 2, 50 and 55). The full report can be found in the Members section of our website.

If you have any questions about online giving or the church financial performance, please email me at rjleanza@att.net, or call me at 216-337-0619.

- Russell Leanza, MHCUC C Treasurer

SUMMER MUSIC

Our ensembles get a needed break during summer, which means we need you! Sign up on the board by the office if you can provide music over the summer. Email sorauf@mhcucc.org with questions/ideas.



CHILDREN AGES 0 - 7TH GRADE

This Sunday, 6/9:
No Sunday School this week so all can participate in our confirmation celebration.

Summer Sundays:
Sunday, June 16—Sunday, September 1
Class for children in K through the 5th (completed) is in Room 104, after the children's message. Childcare is available for infants through age 4 in the nursery. *Note: During summer our regular teachers get a break. We need your help! Sign up on the board next to the office.*

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

As has been our practice, to reflect summer's light schedule and to be good stewards, we will adopt shorter summer office hours **beginning the week of June 10**. *The church office will be open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Tuesday – Friday*. We resume our regular schedule mid-August. As you reach out to church staff, please keep these hours in mind and realize some staff members may be available by email, text, or appointment outside of these hours. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WALK

Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity's 18th Annual Walk is Saturday, June 15 at Edgewater Beach. Registration at 8:30 am, Walk at 10:00. There is a T-shirt decorating contest, coffee and donuts, as well as family activities. There will be a table in the Parlor this Sunday, June 9, to sign up to walk or donate to Habitat to help them reach their \$45,000 goal!

GATHERING HOLY WATER

In keeping with our tradition, you are invited to gather water from a source near your location as you travel this summer. Vials are available in a basket in the parlor for you to take with you. Fill the vial with water during your trip and bring it home with you. In the fall, we will dedicate and bless these offerings, which will be purified and used each time we celebrate the hope and promise of baptism.

OUTREACH

Food Collections
Church Street Ministries can always use cereal, peanut butter, canned meats, and pasta/sauce. Donations can be dropped off in the grocery cart in the Parlor.

BLOSSOM MUSIC TRIPS

Starting Sunday, June 9, sign up in the Parlor to join us for one or both evenings of great music. Sandy Uhl is organizing a potluck picnic on the concert lawns of Blossom Music Center. She'll provide the chicken, you'll bring a side or dessert to share, and plates, utensils, beverages, lawn chairs and/or blankets. Choose to go in the church van or carpool; we'll depart the church at 5:30.

FRIDAY, JULY 5
Bernstein, Gershwin, Stravinsky, Tchaikovsky
\$21/ticket; Order by June 23

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24
Rodgers & Hammerstein: South Pacific (full musical in concert performance) with Cleveland Orchestra & BW Musical Theater Dept
\$21/ticket; Order by August 11