



THE CALLER

OUR MISSION IS TO MAKE AND MATURE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD.

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April 2017



Holy Week is the heart of the church's ritual, theological, and missional life. Everything we do in worship, learning, and mission is grounded in, leads to, and springs out of this week. Everything is here: life, sin, love, death—life and love overcoming sin and death. This week enacts the hope of creation's redemption, including our lives, beginning here and now.

That's why these eight days from Palm/Passion Sunday through Easter Sunday include more worship services than any other time of the Christian year. By gathering to observe the entire movement of this holy week, we open ourselves to the variety of ways the Holy Spirit acts in the church and world.

As United Methodists who live the way of Jesus following the footsteps of John Wesley, we know the power of such worship gatherings as a means of grace through which God's love and hope take deeper root in our lives.

Please join us for as many of these worship opportunities as you are able, and invite others to come and be with us also.

Palm/Passion Sunday (April 9) remembers the beginning of Jesus' final week in Jerusalem. Our time together in worship begins with the waving of palm branches to remember Jesus' triumphal entry into the city; then, we conclude with a very different sort of procession, a forced march with a crucifix. Join us in the Chapel at 8 a.m., in Wesley Hall at 9 a.m., or in the Sanctuary at 11:15 a.m. as we begin our journey through Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday (April 13) marks the last meal Jesus shares with the disciples. This day is grounded in Jesus' "new commandment" (*mandatum* in Latin, giving us our English word, "Maundy"). On this evening, we remember Jesus' commandment to love one another as he washes the disciples' feet and shares a meal even with those who had betrayed him and would deny him soon. Join us at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

Good Friday (April 14) is the day on which we gather to witness the execution of Jesus on the cross. Together, we recognize our complicity with the powers of death and are called to enter the great silence of all creation in response to the death of creation's God. Our worship service will be in the form of a "Service of Shadows" or *Tenebrae*, with a series of scripture readings and songs. Join us at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Also, join the whole Berea community for a **Good Friday Ecumenical Service and Crosswalk** at the Chapel at OhioGuidestone. The crosswalk begins at 12:00 p.m., and the service begins at 1:00 p.m. The OhioGuidestone Chapel will be open at 12:00 p.m. for those who are unable to join the crosswalk.

Easter Vigil (overnight, April 15 to April 16): As Holy Saturday turns to Easter Sunday, you are invited to come to the Sanctuary to wait and pray, as Jesus instructs the disciples to do while he prays in the Garden of Gethsemane. Sign-up sheets will be available in the weeks before this weekend for you to sign up for a time to pray silently in the stillness of the Sanctuary.

Easter Sunday (April 16) is the central celebration of the Christian year. Join us in worship in the Chapel at 8 a.m., in Wesley Hall at 9 a.m., or in the Sanctuary at 11:15 a.m. as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and begin the Great Fifty Days of Easter through scripture, song, and sharing Holy Communion with our Risen Lord. Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed!



Worship & Fellowship

<p>April 2, 2017 Fifth Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>Ezekiel 37.1-14 Psalm 130 (UMH 848) Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45</p>
<p>April 9, 2017 Palm Sunday</p>	<p>Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Matthew 21:1-11</p>
<p>April 13, 2017 Maundy Thursday</p>	<p>Exodus 12:1-4(5-10), 11-14 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (UMH 837) 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35</p>
<p>April 14, 2017 Good Friday</p>	<p>Isiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22 (UMH 752) Hebrews 10:16-25 John 18:1-19:42</p>
<p>April 16, 2017 Easter Sunday</p>	<p>Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839) Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10</p>
<p>April 23, 2017 2nd Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>Acts 2:14a, 22-23 Psalm 16 (UMH 748) 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31</p>
<p>April 30, 2017 3rd Sunday of Easter Rev. Dr. Romeo del Rosario Visits</p>	<p>Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19(UMH 837) 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35</p>

Save the Date: Sunday, April 30



During all three morning worship services on **Sunday, April 30**, we will welcome the **Rev. Dr. Romeo del Rosario** (aka “Romy” – pictured here from our January 2017 mission trip to Cambodia), a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The UMC serving as country director of the United Methodist Mission in Cambodia.

Born in Manila, Philippines, Romy holds a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from Philippine Christian College, a Master of Divinity from Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, and a PhD in theological and religious studies from Boston University. Before his current assignment to Cambodia, Romy previously served in Malaysia, Jerusalem, and Sierra Leone.

Now as country director in Cambodia, Romy is administrator and supervisor of mission programs/projects with a team of workers that includes Cambodians and eight missionaries from different parts of the world. He traveled with our North Coast District team throughout our two weeks in Cambodia, and we were blessed abundantly by his joy, commitment, and enthusiasm.

We look forward to welcoming him to Berea on **April 30** as we anticipate building ongoing connections with our sisters and brothers in Christ in Cambodia.

(biographical information is from umcmision.org)

	April 2, 2017	April 9, 2017	April 16, 2017	April 23, 2017	April 30, 2017
8 a.m. Liturgist	Helen Rathburn	Bill Hunger	Condit Dibble	Bill Hunger	Joanne Mansfield
8 a.m. Communion	Condit Dibble				
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arise! Communion	This could be you!				
11:15 a.m. Greeter	Jack Irely	Jean Tharp		June Demmerle	Linda Tucker
11:15 a.m. Greeter	Helen Madis	Kay Tudhope		Joanne Mansfield	Joanne Mansfield
11:15 a.m. Liturgist	Ken Williams	Sandy Marek	Carol Heskett	Linda Tucker	Vivien Swaddling
11:15 a.m. Communion	Ken Williams	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>Contact the Church Office at 440-234-3525 x100 or info@umcb.org if you are interested in serving as a Greeter, Liturgist, or Communion Server.</p> </div>			
11:15 a.m. Communion	Barb Peterson				
11:15 a.m. Communion	Megan Howe				
11:15 a.m. Communion	Vivien Swaddling				
Communion Preparation	Sam & Mary Jane				



Worship & Fellowship

April 23 – Holy Conversations

Lots of us, throughout our communities, are beginning to recognize that we need a better, healthier way to talk with one another. In a culture that seems to be growing more polarized, we need a way to dialogue across differences instead of allowing those differences to divide us.

On **Sunday, April 23**, you are invited to **join us in the Fellowship Hall from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm** for a meal and a time in conversation. Borrowing from the work of Bishop Sally Dyck, together we will explore principles that guide us to be caring in our conversations, based on the premise that how we talk with one another is as important as the decisions we make. Practicing holy conversations is about more than being nice to each other or talking around divisive issues; it's about being fully present with one another as we seek to follow the gospel calling to love our neighbors and our enemies, including those who disagree with us with as much conviction in their viewpoint as we have in ours.

The principles and guidelines we will share can be practiced by anyone, anywhere, at any time. Wherever two or three are gathered, there are likely to be at least two or three opinions. Please join us as we engage together in a practice that can strengthen our relationships with others wherever and whenever we find ourselves gathered in conversation.

More information will be provided in upcoming bulletins.

Church Family Prayer Concerns

Bruce Akins	Helen Graham	Jane Miller	<u>Currently Serving in the Military</u>
Florence Baker	Karen Grant	Kenneth O'Hearn	John Cline Carros
Esther Berger	Pat Harf	Esther O'Hearn	Chad Droney
Fran Bobo	Melissa Hennie	Laverne Prizner	Nikki (Myers) Droney
Lenora Cool	Carol Isgro	Lou Russell	Eric Elles (<i>Son of Brad</i>)
Diane Corey	Marilyn Jelinek	Ron Skelley	Jamie Elles (<i>Daughter-in-law of Brad</i>)
Tom Elliot	John Kappeler	Barbara Scoon	Bill Lambert (<i>Son-in-law of Corky Cline</i>)
Edward Filina	Margaret McCreedy	Jeanette Sheneman	Matthew Metzger
Cleda Fletcher	Bernice McHenry	Victoria Thomson	Zachary New (<i>Grandson of Bob & Jackie King</i>)
Carol Forster	Betty Miller	Kathleen Wargelin	
Laurie Garvin	John Miller	Eva Williamson	



We reach out in Christian sympathy & love to...



- ... the family of Reverend Clint Lunt who passed on February 28, 2017.
- ... the family of Linda Donahue who passed on March 4, 2017.
- ... Don Moody and his family on the passing of his mother on March 7, 2017.
- ... Ann & Dave Pieta on the recent passing of their grandson.
- ... the family of Richard Shively who passed on March 16, 2017.
- ... Marcia Metz and family on the recent passing of her daughter, Mindy.
- ... the family of Betty Green who passed on March 19, 2017.
- ... Esther O'Hearn and the O'Hearn family on the passing of Kenneth O'Hearn on March 26, 2017.

A full list of the Prayer Concerns is available each week on the Narthex Table.
To receive Prayer Concerns by email, please email Beth in the church office at ebarner@umcb.org.

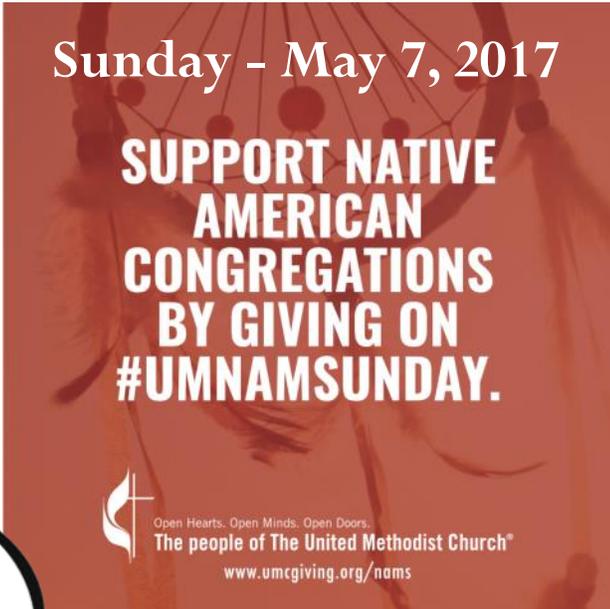


Worship & Fellowship

UMCOR Sunday Report

Thank you to all who generously gave on UMCOR Sunday (March 26, 2017). The designated UMCOR offering totaled \$1077.44.

If you would still like to give to support UMCOR's administrative costs, just put "UMCOR" on your check's memo line or on offering envelope.



United Methodist Women

FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION "THE PAUSE THAT REFRESHES"

That slogan sold a great deal of soft drinks for a popular company years ago. In 2017, can we set a goal to **Pause**, **Reflect**, **Focus** and be **Refreshed** to lead the United Methodist Women? There are several suggestions that can lead to this accomplishment.

Write 5 things you would like to achieve as a United Methodist Woman, and post them in an area where it can be seen daily. Reflect on our UMW Purpose. Say a prayer to get your day started.

Nurture your emotional well-being and create a positive environment. Choose language that inspires and empowers your vision. Listen to positive music.

Expand using your Spiritual Gifts with your unit. Invite someone who may not be a member of the team or a new member of the unit to attend one of the District or Conference events.

Keep your United Methodist Women's "bucket list" updated. Share information about Mission U, the Reading Program, Mission Giving; and explain why these mission areas are important to United Methodist Women.

Establish plans that promote Mission U, Leadership Training, the Annual Celebration and highlighting the 2018 UMW Assembly in Columbus 2018.

Read, share, expand your thinking, and greet someone every day with a smile and a kind word.

MAKE LIFE HAPPEN FOR YOU, NOT TO YOU.

Sandy Marek, UMW Berea

Spring it on

YOU ARE INVITED TO

A Spring Fashion Show & Luncheon

(Sponsored by The Christopher Banks Store at the Great Northern location and The UMW of Berea.)

When: May 13th, 11:00 a.m.

Where: UMCB Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$4.00 per person - Please pay at the door

RSVP by May 8, 2017 to the Church Office at info@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 ext. 100.

Be sure to include the number attending, please.





Outreach and Service

April's Featured Mission: Fair Trade

What is Fair Trade and why is it Important to the United Methodist Church?

According to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), "fair wages allow farmers and artisans to feed their families, send their children to school, gain access to health care, and much more. On the other hand, when businesses exploit their workers, entire communities become trapped in vicious cycles of poverty. When you choose to buy fair-trade items you support just and sustainable economies."

For example, when you purchase Equal Exchange products, you support UMCOR's Sustainable Agriculture and Development Program in Africa through the Small Farmer Fund. Other fair trade organizations that UMCOR partners with are Eco-Palms (this is where UMCB will be getting the Palm Sunday Palms), Prosperity Candle and SERRV. To learn more, visit <http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Programs/Global-Development/Fair-Trade/Fair-Trade>. Thank you for your continued interest and support of this UMC mission through your purchase of Equal Exchange products each month.

Submitted by Wendy Jelinek for Church & Society

CROP WALK AND FUN RUN

APRIL 29, 2017 FROM 9:00 – 11:00 A.M.

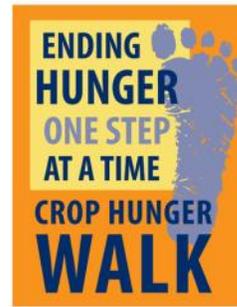
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Registration forms can be printed from www.umcb.org or call the church office. On site registration will be taken at 8AM on the day of the event.



YES...dogs are welcome!

You Can Help End Hunger One Step At A Time



WWW.CROPWALK.ORG

Celebrate God's Creation at EarthFest on April 22nd, Earth Day

On Saturday, April 22, 2017, Earth Day, celebrate the Year of Vibrant Green Space at **Earth Day Coalition's EarthFest** at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds. From 10 a.m.-5 p.m. learn about fair trade, environmental justice and how green space improves the quality of place and quality of life for residents with over 270 exhibitors; enjoy food from local food trucks and local music; see what a **pop-up streetscape with interactive tree canopy** is and get a **free tree**, take a spin in an eco-friendly car, ride on biodiesel powered amusement park rides and look for the urban farm animals and the sheep dog herding demos.

For admission prices, ways to gain free admission and more information, visit www.earthdaycoalition.org or call 216-281-6468.

Submitted by Wendy Jelinek for Church & Society



March's Loose Change Offering for the Berea Community Meal totaled \$78.91

April's Loose Change Offering will be for CROP WALK.

SCAN Sunday food collection - April 2

The SCAN pantry's "most needed" for April are:

- *Canned Fruit (other than applesauce and mandarin oranges)
- *Canned vegetables (other than green beans)

Of course, cash or check donations are gratefully accepted as well. Monetary donations may be put in the Director of Finance, Joanne Mansfield's mailbox. Please make checks out to "UMCB" and notate "SCAN" in the memo line.

Thank you to all who faithfully support this outreach mission. The clients of SCAN appreciate your generosity.

Need help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend?

Fields UMC is hosting a Grief Support Group Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:30 p.m., starting April 19, 2017 Get more information at www.fieldsumc.org/events or by calling 440-540-5931.

Unused, Unwanted or Expired Prescription Disposal

See the Church Office bulletin board or Church & Society bulletin board for a list of drop-off locations. Please note these accept pills only and they must be in the prescription bottle/container.



Outreach and Service



Bake Sale - Donations Needed

There will be a bake sale during the garage sale on Thursday, April 6. If you would like to donate baked goods, please have them to Wesley Hall by 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5.

Thank you,
Cass Beckman

Thursday Only
Bake Sale starts at 9 a.m.

Café open from
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

UMW PLANTS SALE

Order Forms are included in this copy of the Caller.
Paid orders are due by **April 30th**.
Make Checks Payable to United Methodist Women.

Delivery Dates & Times

(Pick up in Fellowship Hall)
Thursday May 11, Noon - 7 p.m.
Friday May 12, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday May 13, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sunday May 14, 9 a.m. - 1p.m



Extra plants will be sold on Sunday morning in the Gathering Place.

Proceeds support UMW Mission Projects.

Pre-Sale Event

Thursday, April 6 & Friday, April 7
9 A.M. - 6 P.M.

Thursday, April 6
7 A.M. - 9 A.M.

and
Saturday, April 8
9 A.M. - 12 Noon

Admittance Fee is \$5.00

Also, Please remember to save your items for the Spring Garage Sale. We will start accepting your collections on Monday, March 27.

Any questions, please call Laura Sperry at (440) 891-8607.

Sponsored by United Methodist Women

"Fill the Truck" Fundraiser April 09, 2017

Easter Seals Northern Ohio is partnering with UMCB to give back to the community while helping children and adults with disabilities. UMCB is hosting a "Fill the Truck" fundraiser to benefit the Youth Work Mission. We will be collecting any

and all cloth items. Easter Seals will provide the truck to pick up all donations. This truck will be parked at UMCB on Sunday April 9th from 9 AM – Noon.

UMCB will be compensated based on the number of bags/pounds of cloth collected. Acceptable items include (but are not limited to): clothing, comforters, blankets, towels, sheets, shoes, accessories, and purses. UMCB will only earn money from those types of cloth donations listed above. Even stained or torn items can be recycled into something else.

Besides the clothing listed above Easter seals will also accept Dishes/kitchenware (This includes small appliances such as mixers, blenders, crockpots, toasters, coffee pots, waffle makers, etc.), small picture frames/wall hangings, small kids' toys/games, knickknacks, jewelry, and CDs/DVDs/VHS tapes.

Tell your friends and neighbors! If you need someone to come and pick up your donations or need a special drop off scheduled or if you have any questions, feel free to contact Clayton Allen by email - csallen1205@gmail.com or call/text 440-596-7431.



Youth - Mark your calendars!



Work Sunday, April 9, 2017

Mission 5-7 p.m.

Meeting Arena 51

Middleburg Heights

\$12/person for 3 games of laser tag and food.

Clothing drives are a big "WIN" for everyone!

This fundraiser is an innovative way for UMCB to raise funds without having to SELL anything!

- * All donated items will be reused, resold, or recycled.
- * All donations are tax deductible. Easter Seals will provide receipts.
- * Easter Seals' Community Action Program supports vital services for children and adults with disabilities in Northern Ohio. The proceeds from the bulk sale of the contributions support programs such as speech therapy, home care, medical equipment loans, and summer camp opportunities.

Learn More

Outreach and Service



Spring is right around the corner and all that “Spring Cleaning” will soon be upon us.

UMCB’s Youth Work Mission Team is ready and willing to help you with those jobs. Let us know if you need a youth or two, or a whole crew, to help you this spring. All of the proceeds will help them with their work mission costs this summer.

Rent-a-Youth Rent-a-Crew



Contact Clayton Allen with your request.

You can call or text him @ [440-596-7431](tel:440-596-7431) or email him at csallen1205@gmail.com



Christian Education

Homebuilders Christian Fellowship

Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor
You are welcome to join us for any or all speakers.

April 9: Berea Outreach speaker - Daune Jaynes

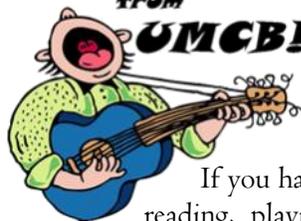
April 23: Baldwin Wallace Achieves
- Keith Peppers, Historian

April 30: Division of Seniors and Adults
- Sharon Johnson, County Services

Save the date: Sunday May 7

Vince McGee, sports writer will be with us as he talks about His new book “Miracles” which will be available for purchase after the class. **All are welcome!**

LIVE from UMCB!



Members of all ages are invited to display their talents for the congregation.

All are welcome to participate and attend.

If you have a talent such as singing, dancing, reading, playing an instrument, visual art, or something different, we are looking for you!

The sign up sheet is available in the Narthex.

LIVE From UMCB

will take place on

Saturday, May 6th at 4:30 pm.

We will have popcorn and drinks to enjoy during the performance. There will also be a Dessert Auction to support our Youth Work Mission. If your talent happens to be making Desserts, we are also taking donations for the auction.

Short Term Study

Sunday Mornings at 10 a.m. in Room 12

Join our study of *The Way: Walking the Footsteps of Jesus* by Adam Hamilton. This book and the DVD narrates stories and wonderful scenes from Jesus' baptism through the heart of his ministry. Each week is a separate chapter in Jesus's life so join us for all six weeks or just a few.

Save the dates:

July 10-12, 2017 will be our Summer Sabbath program. We are excited to hear the Cleveland TOPS play on Wednesday evening, July 12.

Commission On the Status and Role Of Women

As Easter comes upon us, it is heartening to know that the early People of the Way = Christians became aware of The Gospel of Mary.* There is no absolute date for this manuscript first published in 1938. The original was published in Greek and relates Mary Magdalene’s awareness of Jesus and His teachings. Mary spoke to the disciples of a vision she had had. “The (visionary) does not see with the soul or with the spirit, but with the mind which exists between these two....”

During this Easter season may we use our minds to recognize God’s gift to us - Jesus.

submitted by Jo Swanson



"I HAVE SEEN THE LORD!"

* *Gospel of Mary, The Complete Gospels*, HarperSanFrancisco, 1994.



Palm Sunday

FUN for Families!



Hosanna Festival

Sunday, April 9, 2017
3:30 -7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Crafts & Activities for all.
HUGE egg hunt for each age group.

Bring a dish to share for the 5:30 p.m. potluck and paper products for SCAN.



Sponsored by Children's Council

Mary Anne & Richard Cavicchi
Christian Education Seminar at Rocky River UMC

**Getting to Know Our Muslim Neighbors:
An introduction to Islamic Beliefs & Practices**

Sunday, April 30, 2017, 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



An interactive conversation with
Dr. Carl Sharif El-Togbui

Assistant Professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies and Director of the Arabic Language Program at Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

RSVP by phone 440-331-7676 or email office@rrumc.org
Questions: e.m.cavicchi@gmail.com

**Save the Dates
Summer Children's Programs**



Vacation Bible School
June 26-30, 2017

Day Camp
July 10-14, 2017



Check out our new book displays!



At the back of Wesley Hall are a variety of Children's Easter books.

Explore our book selection for adults on the table just inside the Library.

Read and Grow

April 10 at 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Church Parlor. You are invited to join us to discuss

The Train to Crystal City: FDR's secret prisoner exchange program and America's only family internment camp during World War II. by Jan Jarboe Russell (657 pages)

Focusing on a little-known event in American history that has long been kept quiet, a dramatic account exposes a secret FDR-approved American internment camp in Texas where hundreds of prisoners were exchanged for other Americans behind enemy lines in Japan and Germany.

May 8: The Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis (176 pages)

Parvana lives in Kabul, Afghanistan and her mother disguises her as a boy by cutting her hair and making her wear her deceased brother's old clothes to help provide for the family because her father had been arrested by the Taliban and cannot be located.

For additional info., call Jan Harlamert [440 243-7126](tel:440-243-7126).

New Art Gallery Display: Darrell Kent

Born December 1949 in Cleveland, Ohio. Graduated from Lakewood High School in 1967. My interest in art began as a child, encouraged by my Dad, who was a talented artist himself. I started doing pointillism art, using ink markers, in 1971, stopped in 1985 to raise my family, work, maintain our house and yard, etc., then returned to my art again in late 2011 and I'm really enjoying it. In 2014 I began showing and selling my art and hope to continue doing so. I am a member of the Medina County Art League.

In September 2014, I had a one person show in the Valley Gallery at the Peninsula Art Academy, Peninsula, Ohio. I have also participated in other local art shows and festivals, as well as other venues sponsored by the Medina County Art League.

I enjoy being outside in nature, hiking down trails, or neighborhood sidewalks. Much of my art is based on my journeys around Ohio, in local parks, or on road trips. I always have my camera and a sketch book to capture images that I may later use in my art.

I sell original framed art, and high quality giclee prints in various sizes that are signed and numbered.



Celebrating Christ's Love in Our Community

A big thank the many people who helped UMCB host the North Coast District Leadership Conference. From those you donated fruit and baked muffins to the parking assistants, you all came together to show our guests the warmth and hospitality of UMCB. Our visitors were quick to voice their appreciation of all our hard work.

A special thank you to those who went above and beyond by separating the recyclable lunch boxes from the rest of the trash. What an amazing example of being good stewards of the resources God's has gifted to us!

Thank you to the Thursday & Friday Morning volunteers who assisted in assembling the Lenten Devotional and continue with the bulletins each week. Also, thank you to the faithful Caller assembly crew. Your hard work is so greatly appreciated. - Peace, Beth

Thank you to everyone at UMCB for your kind words of sympathy and support at "Robbie's" passing. We so enjoyed the memories you shared with us.

Please continue to share HUGS as he so loved to do.

The Robinson, Lunak & Swartz families

From SCAN (Southwest Community Access Network) Hunger Center Pantry:

Dear Friends at the United Methodist Church,

On behalf of the clients we serve at the SCAN Hunger Pantry, I thank you for your kind contribution to us.

With your help, we will be able to continue to feed those in our communities who depend on us to help them. . .

. . Your donation of Assorted Food Items, Papergoods, and "100" bottles of Syrup is very much appreciated. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Cordially,

Lona Gruber, Director

SCAN Hunger Center Pantry

Thank you to all who donated items for the UMCOR Health Kits. The Adult Mission Team delivered the items and assembled an entire pallet of healthcare kits during their time at UMCOR Sager-Brown.

Bruce & I recently received a copy of the Lenten Devotional in the mail. Right away I noticed the topic, the Presence of God in our lives.

Throughout my long illness, I can truly say the presence of God was in room 130. He came in the form of your many prayers, cards, and visits. He came in the form of wonderful nurses, aides, and therapist. All of which supported me as I had to learn to walk again.

God's presence was evident as, Bruce my wonderful husband, became my caregiver and advocate.

Thankfully, I am home now and receiving therapy, learning to be more independent.

Thank you all

Yes, God was truly present in my life.

Praise God,

Carol Forster

Laura's Mission

When you visit the Garage Sale in April, you will see the amazing results of Laura Sperry's mission. In the past month, Laura has made four, maybe five, trips to our villa at the Renaissance as we prepared to move to an apartment in the main building. Laura, and Grace, too, have carried, packed and stacked our "stuff" taking it away to find new homes.

Behind this very time consuming effort is Laura's heartfelt mission to leave landfills less full and thereby save resources used to make something new, instead recycling and passing along what we no longer need. Her true mission is to be kind to God's good Earth. Later she will also join in the joy of using the resulting funds to do God's work.

It was good to have time to get to know Laura as she worked. I thank her so much for all of her efforts on our behalf!

Betty Miller

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Our Mission

Our mission is to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

We live into our mission by:

