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The Four Areas of Focus

During her Episcopal Address as part of the 2017 session of the East Ohio Annual Conference, Bishop Tracy S. Malone asked that each congregation in the conference re-connect with the Four Areas of Focus of The United Methodist Church. Throughout this next year, as a congregation we will try to respond to our bishop's request, and part of that response will include information about our ministries in each focus area in upcoming editions of "The Caller."

The Four Areas of Focus are rooted in our belief that we are the body of Christ *together*. The Four Areas of Focus align us and unite us in the common mission of The United Methodist Church to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

In summary, the **Four Areas of Focus** are:

Developing principled Christian leaders: build an understanding that everyone has a role in God's work to transform the world and move people to take action.

Creating new places for new people and revitalizing existing congregations: seek to invite people to follow Jesus Christ and grow together as disciples on a lifelong journey.

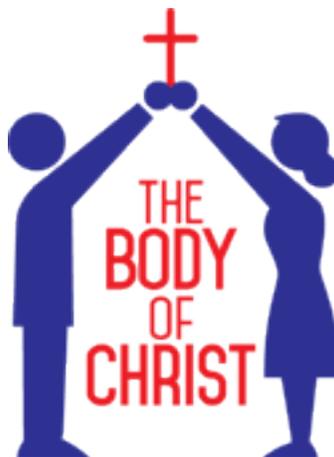
Engaging in ministry with the poor: encourage churches to be in ministry with their communities in ways that are transformative.

Improving health globally: engage churches in improving health and wholeness for all people, both in the church and in communities around the world.

Already, I believe we are living into these four areas of ministry in truly life-giving ways. But I also believe that we can better align our life together with these four areas. Please pray for our life together throughout this year. Please pray for an awareness of opportunities to focus on these four areas of ministry right here at The UMC of Berea. And then, please share with me and with other leaders what comes to your mind or rests on your heart so that we can be more fully the congregation God is calling us to be and to become.

Shalom,

Pastor Nathan





Vacation Bible School June 26-30, 2017



Our Mascot, "Flame" the red panda



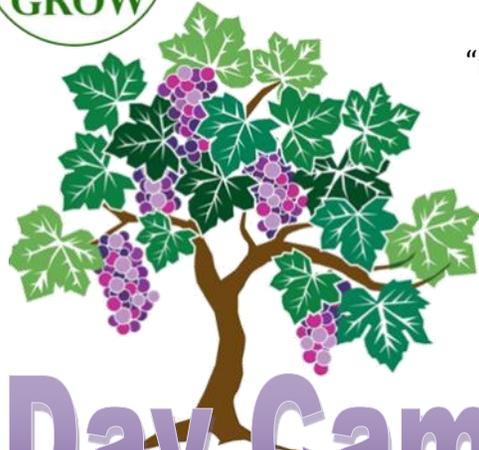
Christian Education

Our theme this year was
"Fruits of the Vine/ Bearing Fruit that Lasts."

John 15:1-17 was our main Bible focus.
We worked on living the
commandment of Jesus:

"Love each other just as I have loved you."

LOVE ONE ANOTHER was our song to
close our daily prayer time.



Day Camp July 10-14 2017



We learned the skills and safety of
lashing, whittling, sawing, and
campfire building. We prepared
several meals on our campfires:
S'mores, Hobo Stew and Biscuits,
Pie iron Pizza and Fruit pies.
We also made Trail Sundaes and
Ants on a Log.



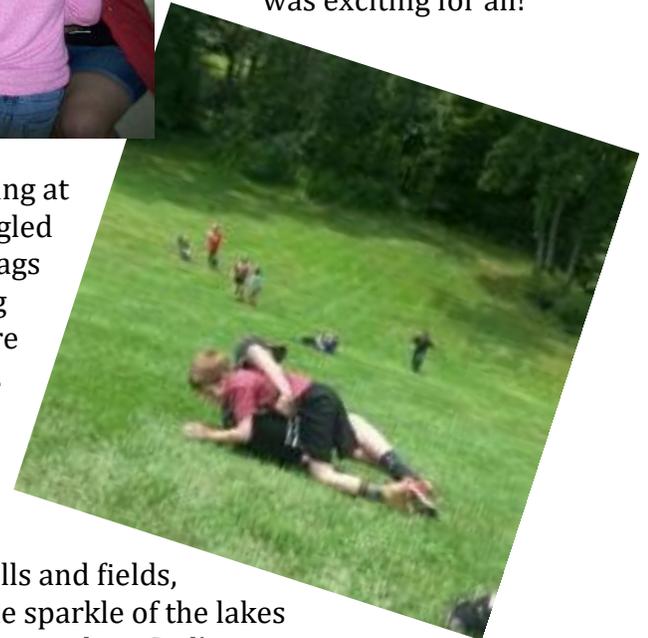
As we hiked on land and water,
we did find many frogs and
other small wildlife.



We had to deal with rain every
day but we made it through
the many trails. The hill rolling
was exciting for all!



No one had trouble sleeping at
the campout as we snuggled
in our warm sleeping bags
watching the glowing
embers of the campfire
by the shelter house.



The beauty of the grassy, green hills and fields,
the splendor of the "Old Oak Tree", and the sparkle of the lakes
and creek make Moll Woods the perfect place to explore God's creation.



Summer Sabbath, July 10-12, 2017 - Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



Above: During one of Summer Sabbath's art classes, each person was given a piece of the picture to paint. When their individual paintings are combined, the end result is beautiful.

Right: Members and visitors alike enjoyed the big band stylings of the Cleveland TOPS Swingband. What a fantastic way to close this year's Summer Sabbath.

From Adult Council

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the 2017 Summer Sabbath a wonderful success. If you attended any of the three options available, thank you for your attendance in each of the sessions. If you shared in one or all three of the light suppers, thank you for sharing in fellowship with each other. If you attended the Cleveland TOPS concert at the close of the Summer Sabbath, thank you for your presence, participation and your enjoyment of the great music and singing that was provided by the members of the swing band. Most of all thank you to ALL of the amazing volunteers who helped to prepare, cook, serve and attend to the tables. Thank you to everyone who baked a dessert to provide for the satisfying ending of all of the meals. You are all appreciated very much. A big thank you to the Boy Scouts, and their leader for their dedicated help in assuring to the well-being of all our guest.

Thank you and bless you always!



"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

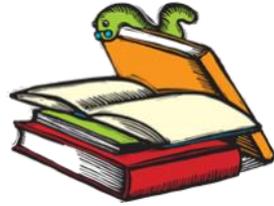
United Methodist Church of Berea and University Circle United Methodist Church Neighborhood Luncheon

The last Sunday in August (27th) is the UCUMC Neighborhood Luncheon, the Meal sign-Up sheet will be posted on Sunday, August 6th. Volunteers are always welcome to contribute or to help prepare and serve the meals to the guests at the University Circle United Methodist Church.

Matthew 22:39, NRSV



READ & GROW



Sept. 11, 2017 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. join the Read and Grow Group in the Church Parlor to discuss:

"Grandma Gatewood's Walk" by Ben Montgomery

Emma Gatewood told her family she was going on a walk and left her small Ohio hometown with a change of clothes and less than two hundred dollars. The next anybody heard from her, this genteel, farm-reared, 67-year-old great-grandmother had walked 800 miles along the 2,050-mile Appalachian Trail.

Oct. 9 "Miller's Valley" by Anna Quindlen

Janet Mallarnee [440 235-7331](tel:4402357331), Betsy Meikle [440 243-5767](tel:4402435767) or Jan Harlamert [440 243-7126](tel:4402437126) would be glad to answer questions you may have.



"Americanah," a novel by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, dramatizes the problems of a young Nigerian woman who immigrates to the US to study at Princeton. Ifemelu blogs about her impressions of her new country as she contends with trying to get a job, with developing new relationships, and with cultural changes. The story also follows her boyfriend who immigrates to the UK and struggles in his quest to succeed in the business world there. They both finally decide to return to Nigeria to try to resolve their issues with prejudices and the cultural expectations that they have encountered. This book is in the category of "social action."

Submitted by Betsy Meikle

Commission On the Status and Role Of Women

Often a famous person's birthdate is remembered, however for this column I wish to commemorate the death of two women who have influenced our church and our attitudes.

Susanna Wesley was born in 1669 and died in July of 1742. It was Susanna who suggested to John that he develop a "method" for his "Holy Club" and since that time we became known as "Methodists".

In our country, Alice Paul, a Quaker, was the driving force which advocated for women to have the right to vote. It was Paul who first thought of the idea of picketing the White House (January 1917). Paul introduced the Equal Rights amendment and carried the struggle for the "vote" which came into being 1920. Paul was born in 1885 and died July 9, 1977.

submitted by Jo Swanson





Church Family Prayer Concerns

Bruce Akins
Florence Baker
Fran Bobo
Lenora Cool
Diane Corey
Cleda Fletcher
Carol Forster
Laurie Garvin
Karen Grant
Pat Harf

Jan Harlamert
Jane Jeffries
Carol Isgro
Marilyn Jelinek
John Kappeler
Betty Kavendar
Margaret McCready
Bernice McHenry
Betty & John Miller
Esther O'Hearn

Lou Russell
Barbara Scoon
Jeanette Sheneman
Carol Thompson
Victoria Thomson
Kathleen Wargelin
Kenneth Williams
Eva Williamson
Richard Woollett

Currently Serving in the Military

John Cline Carros
Chad Droney
Nikki (Myers) Droney
Eric Elles (Son of Brad)
Jamie Elles (Daughter-in-law of Brad)
J.D. Ferut (Grandson of Gerry & Jo Boggs)
Bill Lambert (Son-in-law of Corky Cline)
Matthew Metzger
Zachary New (Grandson of Bob & Jackie King)



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



- ...the family of Olive L. DeFino. Olive passed on Thursday, June 29, 2017. There was a Celebration of Life Reception on Saturday, July 22, 2017.
...the family of Tom Elliot. Tom passed on Saturday, July 8, 2017. A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, July 15, 2017 at 2:00 pm.
...the family of Louise Laughlin. Louise passed on July 6, 2017. A Memorial Service is scheduled for Saturday August 12, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.
...the family of Mac Ball. Mac passed on Friday, July 14, 2017. A Memorial Service will be held on July 29, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
...the family of Helen Graham. Helen passed on July 19, 2017. A Memorial Service is scheduled for Saturday August 26, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

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.

Mark your calendars - Rally Day is Sunday, September 10, 2017!

We will resume our fall worship schedule with Sunday School for all ages.

Worship with us, Sundays at

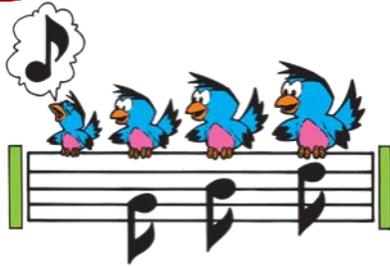
- 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel
9:00 a.m. in Wesley Hall (arise! with praise band)
10:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary

During the 9:00 a.m. Service and 11:15 a.m. Service, child care is available for Toddlers & Preschoolers in Room 11.





Worship & Fellowship



ADD YOUR VOICE TO THE SUMMER CHOIR!

Summer choir will be joining the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, August 13th led by Christopher Neely.

No evening rehearsal necessary - anyone interested in singing only needs to show up at 9:30 a.m. for rehearsal in the Sanctuary. Sheet music will be provided.

This is a great opportunity for anyone looking to get more involved in worship this summer!



Choir Rehearsals Resume

The Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals on Thursday, August 31st at 7:00pm in the parlor.

The Handbell Choir will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 7th at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary.

If you have been thinking about joining the Chancel Choir or the Handbell Choir, this fall is the perfect opportunity!

New members are welcome!

NEWSingers rehearsals will start up again on Thursdays evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm beginning September 7, 2017.

Rehearsals are in the Chapel.

Come, join this ministry of sharing the Good News through song and transform the world! For more information contact Margaret Proctor at [440-243-9498](tel:440-243-9498).

** Child care may be available upon request

	<u>August 6, 2017</u> 9th Sunday After Pentecost	<u>August 13, 2017</u> 10th Sunday After Pentecost	<u>August 20, 2017</u> 11th Sunday After Pentecost	<u>August 27, 2017</u> 12th Sunday After Pentecost
	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 137.1-7, 15 (UMH 749) Romans 9.1-5 Matthew 14.13-21	Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105.1-6, 16-22, 45b (UMH 850) Romans 10.5-15 Matthew 14.22-33	Genesis 45.1-15 Psalm 133 (UMH 850) Romans 11.1-2a, 85-32 Matthew 15. (10-20) 21-28	Exodus 1.8-2.10 Psalm 124 (UMH 846) Romans 12.1-8 Matthew 16.13-20
8 a.m. Usher	Joanne Mansfield	Ken Foster	Wayne Tyler	
8 a.m. Liturgist	Condit Dibble	Fred Moss	Helen Rathburn	Bill Hunger
8 a.m. Communion	Barb Kuri Condit Dibble			
10:30 a.m. Liturgist	Rev. Ken Williams	Carol Heskett	Sandy Marek	Sandra Baggaley
10:30 a.m. Communion	Rev. Ken Williams Linda Tucker Rikki Price Sandy Marek	Greeters, Ushers, Liturgists, and Communion Servers are vital to our Sunday Morning Worship yet our list of those willing to serve is dwindling. We encourage you to prayerfully consider serving in one of these roles during your regular worship service. If you are willing to serve, please contact the church office at info@umcb.org or 440-234-3525, ext. 100.		
Communion Preparation	Sam & Mary Jane Weaver			



Outreach and Service

August Mission Focus & Loose Change Offering Recipient



Heifer International's mission is to work with communities to end world hunger and poverty and to care for the Earth.

Dan West was a farmer from the American Midwest and member of the Church of the Brethren who went to the front lines of the Spanish Civil War as an aid worker. His mission was to provide relief, but he soon discovered the meager single cup of milk rationed to the weary refugees once a day was not enough.

And then he had a thought: What if they had not a cup, but a cow? That "teach a man to fish" philosophy is what drove West to found Heifer International. And now, nearly 70 years later, that philosophy still inspires our work to end world hunger and poverty throughout the world once and for all.

Heifer International partners with small-scale farmers to lift themselves out of hunger and poverty. Heifer provides farm animals, training, tools and education, enabling farmers to feed their families.

You have the power to give a hungry family the training it takes to feed themselves and their children; to give a young girl a chance at an education; to [empower a woman](#) to have a voice in her community. Together, we can change the world, one family, one community, at a time. And it all starts with a gift.

Please consider giving generously to the Loose Change offering in support of Heifer International on August 13.

Retrieved from <https://www.heifer.org>

College Council Annual Welcome Back Breakfast On the Porch

Monday, August 21, 2017, 7:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.



College Council would like your help in welcoming the BW students to the 2017-2018 school year. There are opportunities to donate food. Or meet the students and welcome them to Berea while passing out breakfast on August 21st.

Items needed: Breakfast Bars, Juice boxes, Gatorade, Snack Crackers, Chex Mix, fruit such as apples, bananas, individual size bags of seedless grapes.

Sign-up for these opportunities today in the Narthex.



Celebrating Christ's Love in Our Community

Thank you to the congregation and staff parish committee for hosting the farewell reception to celebrate my 28 years of service at UMCB. I appreciate the many heartfelt notes, e-mails, and donations for the "Love Offering".

May God continue to bless you all.

Peace & Joy,

Vivien

A special thank you to Claire Powell for the wonderful Summer Sabbath program on *Hidden Figures*. It was obvious that much time and effort were spent to provide an excellent and informative program about these amazing African-American women at NASA and their direct influence on the safety and success of Ohio's own John Glenn. Job well done, Claire.

An appreciative UMCB member

My sincere gratitude to Sue Cowell, Carol McCleery, Dorene Larkey, and Nancy Buehler, who volunteered their time to cover the church office during my recent vacations. In June, I was able to rejoin my family at for our traditional week Camp Luther for the first time in almost 20 years. In July Craig and I were able to spend our tenth anniversary in the cabin in Hocking Hills where we honeymooned. Both special trips were made more even relaxing knowing the office was in their capable hands.

Beth Barner

Thank you to the members who donated items and volunteered at the June University Circle UMC Neighborhood Luncheon. We were able to serve 33 guests who enjoyed the meal in the hall and also had food to take with them. Thank you for your support of this mission project.

Volunteers are always welcome.

Claire Powell

The Berea planning commission has approved the razing of 188 Seminary Street. Thank you to the Trustees, especially Dave Thurau and Dave Ulman for all their hard work on this project. Demolition is planned for the third week of August.

Do you have an event to share or an idea for a Caller article? We'd love to hear from you!



The 15th of the month is the submission deadline for the next month's Caller.

Please contact the UMCB office (440-234-3525 or info@umcb.org) if you have any questions or would like to contribute.

Thank you for your recent generous giving in support of outreach missions.

Cumulative offerings from Vacation Bible School, Day Camp, June's Loose Change offering, and Sunday School offerings for The United Methodist Children's Fund for Christian Mission, specifically Red Bird Mission - \$288.06



Loose Change offering for University Circle UMC Neighborhood Luncheon - \$125.00

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We live into our mission by:

