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September 10th

Christian Formation Opportunities

This fall, we present to you a new discipleship pathway, prayerfully and thoughtfully designed for our congregation by our Discipleship team. **A Disciple's Path** is intended as the first step and map for an ongoing discipleship pathway by which every person continually can grow in her or his relationship with God and the church. The goal is Christian formation, i.e. the gracious transformation of our lives into the image and likeness of Christ (Ephesians 4.13)



Getting your feet wet by exploring what a relationship with God looks like for you. Try prayer before meals, and read scripture for basic knowledge. Join Pastor Nathan on Sundays at 10 am for **A Disciples Path** if you are interested in learning more about The United Methodist Church, the discipleship pathway, and what it means to be a member of The UMC. This class is perfect for new believers, those re-exploring faith, and those curious about how faith can transform their lives. This is an eight-week class, beginning September 10th.



Wading Out into the waters of your baptism to find easy-to-engage opportunities for learning, growing, and building relationships. Start by developing a regular, daily prayer time, try praying with a small group or your family, read scripture daily, and try our class **Animate**, on Sunday mornings. **Animate** is an imaginative exploration of Christianity's big questions, meeting Sundays at 10 am. Other short-term classes will also help you to grow in this faith step.



Going Deep as a disciple of Jesus Christ, you will embrace your baptism, engage in long-term and ongoing ways to stay committed and critically engaged as disciples at all ages and stages. In this stage, you may learn about different forms of prayer, read scripture for reflection and transformation, perhaps participate in **Covenant Bible Study** (in-depth Bible study on Thursdays at 7 pm at Linda Short's home), or participate in an ongoing small group for accountability and growth.

What now? Check out the complete list of classes on the fall registration form let us know what other opportunities for faith growth might interest you, and continue to pray for God's leading in your faith journey. You can register online on our website at www.umcb.org under "Formation", or by picking up a registration form outside of room 12. Return forms to Pastor Carrie by September 7th, if possible.



Children's Christian Formation



Welcome to **Whirl!** This year our kids will be studying the same scriptures as the whole congregation in worship. Using a new, fun, engaging curriculum called Whirl, we will meet fun new friends who are also exploring their faith. We'll split between older and younger elementary students for a large group experience including a short hilarious, and yet faith-provoking video, and then break into smaller age groups. With the faithful leadership of their teachers and this fun curriculum, preschoolers – 6th grade students will get their feet wet and wade out into faith.

Join us at 10 am beginning September 10th as we give faith a Whirl!

(Want to check it out ahead of time? Visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gKDH0ko5RUK>)



After the children's chat at the 11:15 a.m. worship service, preschoolers through elementary students are invited to join us for **Exploration Station** – a new hands-on way to experience the morning's Scripture. Located on the second floor, kids will explore God's word through play and fun science experiments.

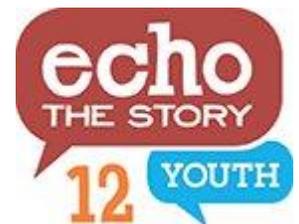
Confirmation



7th and 8th graders will continue to their journey to confirmation this school year. They will be using our own church's curriculum, as well as utilizing **Colaborate Methodist Confirmation**. Youth will cultivate an engaging, active faith. Students discover the rich history of the Methodist doctrine, traditions, and beliefs and their relevance to their lives.

Youth Christian Formation

Ready to experience the Bible in a new way? Welcome to **Echo the Story** – a curriculum we'll be using to support our Sunday School experience for 9th-12th graders. Echo is an imaginative way to engage in the Bible using storytelling, creative reflection, and dialogue. Youth can grow in our class no matter where they are on their faith journey – getting their feet wet, wading out, or going deep. Class is set up like a covenant group so youth can start to learn about accountability, healthy relationships, and how powerful it is to have friends who share their faith.



Stay tuned for opportunities to gather for fun and friendship, and service opportunities throughout the year.

All children and youth should register online at umcb.org under "Formation" or by paper forms available outside Room 12 or in their Sunday School class.



Christian Formation

READ & GROW Book Discussion Group

Sept. 11, 2017 from 6:30-8:00 p.m., join us 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, Betsy Meikle 440-243-5767 or Jan Harlamert 440-243-7126 would be glad to answer questions you may have.

Commission On the Status and Role Of Women

September is the month that deserves our collective joy. This month marks the 97th year since Women's Suffrage was passed! In 1878, Susan B. Anthony introduced the amendment. It took some time and some women picketing White House before the vote was given. Ohio was the 19th state to ratify!! - Jo Swanson

Photo: The Cleveland Woman's Suffrage Headquarters From Wikimedia Commons, the free media repository



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ATTENTION: United Methodist Women in the North Coast District

The Fall Meeting of the North Coast District United Methodist Women is right around the corner! The UMW Spring Meeting was a big success so we would not want you to miss the Fall Meeting at Aldersgate UMC.

Please place September 16th, 2017 on your calendar now.

North Coast District United Methodist Women Fall Meeting

Saturday September 16, 2017

9:00 am -12:00 pm

Program: United Methodist Women "101" -
Who we are and what we do!

Speaker: Charlotte Jermy,
Program Advisory Member, UMW National

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
4069 Eastwood Lane
Warrensville Heights, OH 44122
216-921-4075

"We will be a loving, accepting organization for all women that celebrate Christ's love through education, worship, community and global outreach"

North Coast District UMW 2017 Fall Meeting Registration

Cost: \$7:00 Per Person (Includes meal and materials)

Due September 11, 2017

Name of Unit: The United Methodist Church of Berea

Number attending: _____

Name of Attendee(s): _____

e-mail address: _____

Special food needs: _____

Make Checks payable to **NCD-UMC**
Send to: Mary Schwartz
70 Willard Ave.
Bedford OH 44146



UMW Reading Program - "Ride, Sally Ride"

"Ride, Sally Ride" was one of the headlines in 1983 when the first American woman in space went up as a mission specialist on the crew of the Challenger. This fascinating biography by Lynn Sherr, an ABC-TV journalist for many years, makes use of interviews with Sally Ride's family, friends, and colleagues at NASA, as well as personal quotes from Sally herself.

Observing the historic launch of the Challenger with the Ride family was the feminist Gloria Steinem, who said, "Millions of little girls are going to sit by their television sets and see they can be astronauts, heroes, explorers, and scientists." Her life and accomplishments certainly did inspire many young people, especially women, to set high goals and to study science, math, and engineering.

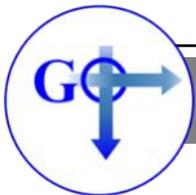
This outstanding biography, which was on the "New York Times" bestseller list, reveals "... a complete portrait of the woman who bucked history, changed the space agency and helped alter her country." (Quoted from journalist Sally Jenkins.) This book is in the category of "Leadership Development" in our UMW reading program.

-Betsy Meikle



Official NASA Photo of Sally Ride

<https://www.jsc.nasa.gov/Bios/portraits/ride-s.jpg>



Outreach and Service



Garage Sale is right around the corner!

The UMW Garage Sale is Thursday, October 12, 2017 to Friday, October 13, 2017 with a Presale Event on the evening of Wednesday, October 11, 2017.

Many hands make less work. All are encouraged to help.

Sign up sheets for volunteers are posted on the UMW bulletin board.

And don't forget to save your items - Donations will be accepted the week of October 8, 2017.

HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR CHURCH BY DONATING CLOTHES & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS!



Our FUNDrive™ will be held at: United Methodist Church of Berea 170 Seminary Street (Wesley Hall) Berea Ohio 44017

Saturday and Sunday October 14-15 9am-11am

and will benefit: Youth Work Mission Team



learn more: Clayton Allen Email mmsdad88@gmail.com Call or text 440-596-7431

we accept:

- CLOTHING
- SHOES
- BEDDING / TOWELS
- ACCESSORIES
- CDS, DVDS, BOOKS
- ELECTRICAL ITEMS
- TOYS & GAMES
- KITCHEN ITEMS
- KNICK-KNACKS
- SPORTING GOODS



Do you own a van or truck?



In past years, Easter Seals has provided a truck for the "Fill-a-Truck" fundraiser. While they no longer provide trucks, they still allow us donate the items as a fundraiser. We just need to get the items to the drop off location in Fairview Park.

If you have a truck or van and would be willing to help transport the donated items on Sunday, October 15, 2017 in the afternoon, your help would be most appreciated. Please contact Clayton Allen at 440-596-7431 or mmsdad88@gmail.com to volunteer or with any questions.



Outreach and Service

September Community Meal

Volunteers and desserts are needed for the September Community Meal on Wednesday, September 27 at 5:00 p.m. at St Paul Lutheran Church fellowship hall. We will serve meals, provide all desserts and assist with a bit of light clean up. They always tell us the United Methodists always provide the best desserts.

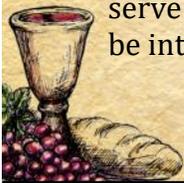
Please sign up on the poster in the Narthex.



Cup and Bread Servants Training

“Cup and Bread Servants” are individuals who serve Communion monthly to some of our members who are unable to be with us in worship, whether because of health or transportation. On Sunday, September 3, immediately following the 10:30 am worship service, we will have a brief updated training in the parlor both for those who already serve in this capacity and for those who would be interested in doing so.

Please join us!



College Council will be sending care packages to our college students in October. Please submit an updated address for your college student to the church office.

The deadline is October 10, 2017.

HARVESTIQUE: MISSION AND MEAL



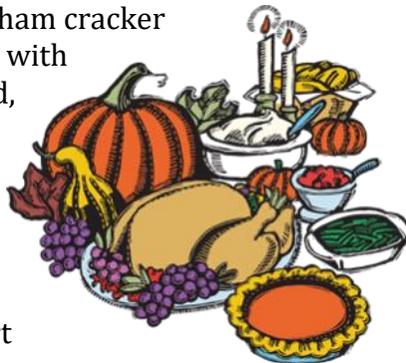
This year, UMW has invited all area churches to participate in our fall festival on Saturday, November 4, 2017, from 12 noon until 7 p.m. We will have tables for churches to display their missions, sell their crafts and unite in a spirit of community outreach. Admission is a donation of a canned/boxed item (or \$1) to SCAN. Our featured missions are: Hanson House, Ohio Guidestone, and Church Street Ministries and they will be encouraged to have a table with materials and information. The proceeds from the auction baskets will be divided among these 3 missions. UMW will have several tables of crafts and goodies to sell. We're also hosting a Chili Supper during the event.

UMW is asking for groups or individuals to donate baskets for the auction, crafts for our table...or a pot of chili. If you have any questions, please contact Carol McCleery or any member of UMW's Board. Further details will be in the next Caller and future Sunday bulletins.

Thanks, in advance, for your encouragement and support.

Southwest Community Area Network (SCAN) Food Pantry

The next SCAN Sunday is September 3. In addition to the usual type of donations, SCAN suggests foods to be included in the special bags for holiday dinners. This would include such things as stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, chicken or turkey gravy mixes. Also needed are canned green beans, mushroom soup and dried onions (for the “famous “ green bean casserole) and pie crust mix or graham cracker crusts, canned pumpkin with the spices already added, cranberry sauce and anything else that you would have for a holiday meal.



Thank you as always for your faithful support of the SCAN Food Pantry.

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

August's Loose Change offering for Heifer International was \$117.30.

September's Loose Change offering will be for the Saylor Christmas Shop at OhioGuidestone.





Outreach and Service

Our Connectional Giving—Our Connectional Impact

On Sunday, September 17, the Rev. Kathy Dickriede will be our guest preacher at all three morning worship services. Having spent significant time in the global mission field, especially in Liberia but also in Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe, and Russia, Kathy has experienced firsthand the difference our shared ministry giving makes through our United Methodist Church. Please join us in worship on September 17, and consider this as an opportunity also to contribute an additional amount toward our shared ministry goal for 2017.



Christ caring for people through people

STEPHEN MINISTRY

From July 31 through August 5, I was blessed to spend a week in Pittsburgh attending a Stephen Leaders Training Course, learning more about Stephen Ministry. Begun in 1975, Stephen Ministry is now active in more than 12,000 congregations from more than 150 denominations. It has been an active ministry here at The UMC of Berea since 1986.

Here's just a little more information about this wonderful ministry:

What is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is a ministry in our congregation in which trained and supervised lay persons, called Stephen Ministers, provide one-to-one Christian care for individuals facing life challenges.

Who is involved?

Stephen Leaders oversee, recruit, select, train, organize, and supervise Stephen Ministers. They also identify people in need of this kind of care and match them with a Stephen Minister. We have three Stephen Leaders currently: Orley Aten, Condit Dibble, Barb Rochford, and me (Pastor Nathan).

Stephen Ministers are the caregivers. They have engaged in 50 hours of training in Christian caregiving, including topics like listening, feelings, boundaries, assertiveness, and using Christian resources in caregiving. We currently have twelve active Stephen Ministers and three who are in the middle of their training course. (Our newest Stephen Ministers will be commissioned during worship on Sunday, October 15.)

Care receivers are the recipients of Stephen Ministers' care. They are people from our congregation or community who are experiencing divorce, grief, loss of a job, loneliness, hospitalization, terminal illness, or any of a number of other life difficulties. Stephen Ministers typically meet with their care receivers once per week for about an hour for as long as the care receiver will benefit from the relationship.

What do Stephen Ministers do?

Stephen Ministers are caring Christian friends who listen, understand, accept, and pray for and with care receivers who are working through a crisis or other difficult time.

How can someone receive care from a Stephen Minister?

Condit Dibble is our Stephen Leader who coordinates referrals. If you or someone you know could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, you can talk to him, to Pastor Nathan or Pastor Carrie, or any of our other Stephen Leaders. Or, you can just call or email the church office.

How can someone become a Stephen Minister?

Begin by talking to one of our Stephen Leaders, and they can tell you more.

Shalom,
Pastor Nathan



Worship & Fellowship

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
 Janice Kavendar
 Margaret McCready
 Bernice McHenry
 Betty & John Miller
 Carl Mollison
 Donna O'Brien

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*)



*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.*

Celebrating 175 years of Mission in 2018

Would you be interested in serving on a committee to celebrate the following three (3) anniversaries?

- * 1843 Pastor assigned to serve Methodist Church in Berea - 175 years
- * 1948 Merging of Emmanuel Methodist Church and First Methodist Church in Berea - 70 years
- * 1968 Merging of Methodist Church and Evangelical United Brethren Church - 50 years

Chairperson - Bobbie DiNicola
Update on printed history - Jo Swanson



If you have any questions or comments, please call or email me. Jan Harlamert - 440 243-7126



Would you like to try Square Dancing?

Solo Squares cordially invites you to join us for three free square dancing lessons on Mondays, beginning September 11, 2017, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (276 Bagley Rd, Corner of Eastland and Bagley).

All Ages are welcome; singles and couples are welcome!

Come Discover this wonderful and wholesome family activity. If you like what you see, beginner lessons continue into October. It's fun and friendship set to music.



Worship & Fellowship

	<u>September 3, 2017</u> 13th Sunday After Pentecost	<u>September 10, 2017</u> 14th Sunday After Pentecost	<u>September 17, 2017</u> 15th Sunday After Pentecost	<u>September 24, 2017</u> 16th Sunday After Pentecost
	Exodus 3.1-15 Psalm 106.1-6,23-26,45c (UMH 828) Romans 12.9-21 Matthew 16.21-28	Exodus 12.1-14 Psalm 149 or Psalm 148 (UMH 861) Romans 13.8-14 Matthew 18.15-20	Exodus 14.19-31 Exodus 15.1b-11, 20-21 (UMH 135) Romans 14.1-12 Matthew 18.21-25	Exodus 1.6.2-15 Psalm 105.1-6, 37-45 Psalm 78 (UMH 799) Romans 12.1-8 Matthew 16.13-20
8 a.m. Usher		Ken Foster	Wayne Tyler	Barb Kuri
8 a.m. Liturgist	Joanne Mansfield	Fred Moss	Condit Dibble	Helen Rathburn
8 a.m. Communion	Gerrie Berena Joanne Mansfield			
10:30 a.m. / 11:15 a.m. Liturgist	Barb Peterson	Rikki Price	Sharon Williams	Jo Swanson
11:15 a.m. Greeters		Tom & Sandy Marek	John & Carol Kappeler	Judy Mollison Gail Uhl
10:30 a.m. Communion	Barb Peterson Carol Anne McCleery Megan Howe Pastor Carrie	<p style="text-align: center;">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.</p>		
Communion Preparation	Nancy Buehler			

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Have you ever wondered what's great about Cleveland?



Join us September 23rd at the UMW luncheon with renown guest speaker Mr. Dan Ruminski (The Cleveland Storyteller) and learn the answers.

WHEN: Saturday, September 23, 2017

TIME : 11:00 a.m. with buffet lunch to follow entertainment

WHERE : Fellowship Hall

COST :\$ 4.00 person

RSVP: info@umcb.com Reservation Deadline is 9/20

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For more information about Dan Ruminski, visit his website www.clevelandstoryteller.com.



Celebrating Christ's Love in Our Community

A very big thank you to Dave Ulman and Dave Thureau for all their hard work on the 188 Seminary project. Also, thank you to Jan Harlamert for her time and effort digging out the plants around the house to be transplanted.

If anyone is interested in helping with the outdoor meeting area next year, please contact the church office at 440-234-3525 ext. 100 or info@umcb.org.

Thank you to all musicians who shared their gifts of melody and song in worship at the 10:30 a.m. service this summer:

Vocalists: Paige Heidrich, Dar Marlink, Christine McMillin, Mary Ann Obert, Courtney Popp, Margaret Proctor, Barbara Rochford, Patty Worthem.

Instrumentalists: Elizabeth Barner and Laura Ebie, flute; Julie DiFrancesco, oboe; Marlynda Dziak, guitar; Clayton Heuer, violin; Mary Lou Hunger, Barbara MacGregor, Gloria Wharton, and Sue Cowell, piano, Also, thanks to all who sang in the Summer Choir.

Feed the kids:



Thank you to all who donated food items or monetary donations, volunteered their time putting lunches together and distributing lunches to the children. Typically, we distributed 65-75 lunches each day.

Thank you again for your service to Berea's children.

Thank you to Staff Parish for hosting our welcome reception. Hats off to the excellent grill masters for the perfect burgers and dogs and of course a big thanks to all who came and brought such wonderful dishes to share. It was great time of fellowship and it was greatly appreciated.

Pastor Carrie Antczak and Mark Williams

Many thanks to Pastor Nathan, Joanne, Beth, Vivien, and the ladies of the UMW for all the love and support at the time of Mindy's death. The Memorial Service was meaningful and loving. The reception was lovely and how nice so many friends gave us their support.

Marci and Mark Metz

To the Berea United Methodist Members,

Thank you to everyone who sent cards or gave words of condolence since Tom's passing. It is great to have church support.

God bless all of you,
Betty Elliot

Church Directory Update & Thank you's:

A directory is important to the church because it helps to unite the members, puts a name with a face for community building, prayer sharing, and helps new members to get to know our church. It tells the story of our church as well as capture a few memories for our church history.

The process to put together a new church directory started in the winter, was photographed in the spring, assembled in the summer, and will be distributed during the start of fall. In other words -- soon!

Thank you all for your patience in this process. An even more sincere thank you to all of the volunteers and staff members who helped pull it together in one way or another:

Beth Barner is an exemplary church secretary in every manner possible and quite proficient with her computer. Jim Cobler was always at the ready to make sure the photographers were ready to go. Karen Caldwell was so helpful in helping to contact our members unable to attend regularly. Beth Reams, Sally Mook, Dave Thureau, and Carolyn Williams took shifts in greeting all of you and getting your paperwork together for the photographers. Beth also gave sage advice on layout and design with her experience. Ellen Oakley was photographed and then returned with a snack just because I'd mentioned I was hungry! A heart full of gratitude goes to my husband for all of his words of love and encouragement throughout the calling/scheduling process. You are a fantastic bunch of people!

Darlene Thureau

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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:

