



# THE CALLER

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Well, the time has come!

Twenty or so years ago, as our family was changing—kids going off to college, looking to the future—I thought about a date that is quickly approaching: July 1, 2016. (Yes, I know, the official conference moving dates are a little sooner than that, in the last days of June; never mind.) In June of 2016, I would be seventy. At that time, seventy was the limit for retirement in the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. And so I did the math: July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. If health permitted, that was when I would retire. It seemed so long ahead when I thought about it then; yet now it has come.

Some thoughts: your graciousness in accepting me as your minister. You have affirmed me in my ministry; you have forgiven me my mistakes; you knew that I was doing my level best. You have followed me where I have led. Thank you.

You have seen me through tragic times: the death of my wife, Jane. (Yes, I know that happened a year before I came to Berea, yet you healed me.) Thank you.

You have accepted me and Rita, as we began our new lives together. You understood when she needed to devote her energy to the children in inner-city Akron in her ministry as a teacher there. You welcomed her to her new ministry here, after she retired. Thank you.

You upheld us in the death of our daughter, Erin, last year. Thank you.

You are an amazing church and an amazing congregation. Rita says you are the church that never sleeps. And she is right. You are always there, reaching out to those in the community and in the world who have need. You embody Christ's commandment to "Go!" out to all people in love.

What a privilege it has been to be in ministry with you! Thank you!

But now, my ministry to you is over. Someone new, someone with new ideas of ministry, is coming to be with you—to continue your powerful tradition, to continue your ministries, to inspire you to do new things in the name of Jesus Christ.

So be it. I am content. Go with God. Amen.

*Rev. Skip Myers*

You have served the Lord with gladness –  
Tirelessly, faithfully, and with great compassion for His flock.  
Your investment in the lives of others has truly made a difference;  
You have given hope and encouragement to so many.

Now, as the day dawns on the next chapter in your life,  
may God continue to richly bless you and watch over you,  
may the God of peace grant you peace now and always.

"Behold, I will do something new, Now it will spring forth..."  
Bible Verse ~ Isaiah 43:19



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## WELCOME REV. NATHAN & MEGAN HOWE



July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Rev. Nathan Howe's first Sunday in the pulpit.  
There will be only one service at 10:30 a.m.

July 10<sup>th</sup>: There will be only one service at 10:30 a.m.  
A time of welcome and reception for Rev. Nathan  
& Megan Howe will follow.

July 17<sup>th</sup>: The Summer schedule resumes:  
8:00 a.m. Traditional Service in the Chapel  
9:00 a.m. "Arise!" Service in Wesley Hall  
10:30 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

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Tom Elliot	Lou Russell
Cleda Fletcher	Jeanette Sheneman
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Bob & Helen Graham	Victoria Thomson
Karen Grant	Eva Williamson
Betty Green	

### Wesley Calvin Roberson



Born June 2, 2016

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Son of Calvin and Sara Warnsman Roberson

Paternal grandparents are Boyd and Judy Warnsman



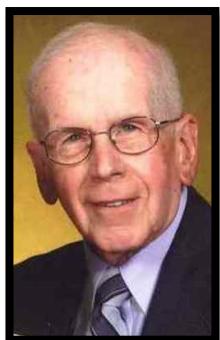
We reach out to:

*Barb Swartz and her family on the passing of her brother, Thomas Charles Tanner, on May 24, 2016. Memorial services were held on June 4, 2016.*

*The family of Sue Kennel Hall, who passed away on May 26, 2016. Services will be held in our Sanctuary on Saturday, July 30, 2016.*

*The family of Carolyn Miser who passed away on June 1, 2016. Services will be held in our Sanctuary on Saturday, August 27, 2016.*

*Charles Miller and his family on the passing of his father, David Miller, on June 8, 2016. Services were held on June 10, 2016.*



### Notable News

Dr. Jack Heter was recently recognized posthumously by Ohio Governor, John R. Kasich upon his induction into the Bellevue Senior High School Halls of Excellence. Dr. Heter was a long time member of UMCB, Principal of Berea High School 1966-1969, and Professor of Education at Baldwin Wallace 1969-1991. Please visit the UMCB Members in the News bulletin board to read more about Dr. Heter's many accomplishments and the certificate of recognition from the Governor.

# Youth Events



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### Cookout by Wallace Lake

**Sunday, July 31 at 1 p.m.**

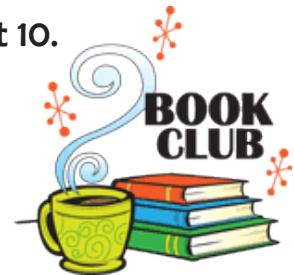
Be prepared for yummy food, volleyball, and feel free to wear your swimsuit for a dip in the Lake!

### Formal Dinner at Macaroni Grill

**Sunday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m.**

Dress up and join us for a fun dinner out! Please bring \$15-\$20 to cover your meal.

Text [417-343-3775](tel:417-343-3775) to RSVP by Wednesday, August 10.



### Do you like to read for fun?

Join us for a Summer Book Club. For more information or to sign up, text @umcbook to 81010.

Be on the lookout for more information about a **Summer service project** to help families in Berea!



**YOUTH  
SERVICE  
PROJECT**

If you'd like to receive text updates from the Cleveland Work Mission Trip, please text **Cleveland2016** to 41411.

For students going into  
Grades 4, 5, and 6 in the Fall.



F.R.O.G.

Fully rely on God!

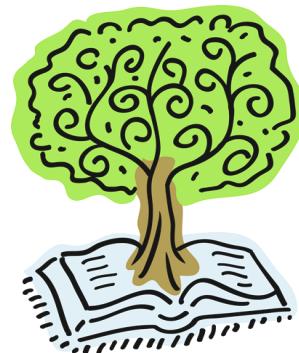
## The United Methodist Church of Berea Day Camp 2016

**Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday**  
**9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Thursday Overnight**  
**2:00 p.m. - Overnight**

**Thursday Family Picnic**  
**6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**Friday**  
**9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**



*Moll Woods is only  
about 20 minutes*  
**July 11-15, 2016**  
**Moll Woods on Grafton Road**  
**Valley City, OH**

**Cost: \$30.00\*\***  
**Youth Assistants: \$15.00**

\*Financial Assistance available upon request to the Children's Ministry Director

Complete the form on the reverse & return it to the church office or the Children's Ministries Director



# Day Camp Registration

for Children entering grades 4-5-6



CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE IN FALL \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Incl. zip) \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address/City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address/City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Father's/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address/City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address/City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

In the event of an emergency, if parents cannot be reached, please call:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
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1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

List all allergies, chronic physical problems, and any special precautions or treatment indicated: \_\_\_\_\_

My child/ren has/have my permission to be transported to the camping area on Grafton Road to take part in the activities offered by The United Methodist Church of Berea Day Camp during the week of July 11-15, 2016 and the overnight on July 14 following the Family Picnic.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Photographs/video recordings of my child: may \_\_\_\_\_ may not \_\_\_\_\_ be used on church bulletin boards, web sites, and other publications.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## MEDICAL EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION

### PART I

In the event reasonable attempts to contact me at (Phone) \_\_\_\_\_ or the other parent or guardian (name) \_\_\_\_\_ at (Phone) \_\_\_\_\_ have been unsuccessful, I hereby give my consent

for the administration of any treatment deemed necessary by (Preferred Physician & Phone): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, or in the event the designated preferred practitioner is not available, by another licensed physician, and the transfer of the child to (Preferred Hospital): \_\_\_\_\_ or any hospital reasonably accessible. This authorization does not cover major surgery unless the medical opinions of two other licensed physicians, concurring in the necessity for such surgery, are obtained prior to the performance of such surgery.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### PART II

I DO NOT give consent for emergency medical treatment of my child. In the event of illness or injury requiring emergency treatment, I wish authorities to take no action, or to (specify action) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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Marge and Jack Sayler have donated two new beautifully illustrated books to our UMW collection for 2016: "Twenty-two Cents" (in the "Education for Mission" category) and "Because I Am a Girl" (in the "Leadership" category).

"Twenty-two Cents" is the biography of Muhammad Yunus who won the Nobel Peace Prize for developing the economic model of micro-banking.

"Because I Am a Girl" is a collection of stories of girls around the world who are facing hardships and dangers, but who are trying to improve their lives and their communities.

Thank you, Marilyn K. Smith, for typing the book cards and envelopes for us!

Submitted by Betsy Meikle

### Ushers Needed for Sunday Services

We have a need for additional ushers at our 8:00 a.m. Chapel services. Please see the sign-up sheet located in the Chapel Narthex. Enter your name for the week(s) you're available.

Ushering is very enjoyable role and a great way to meet our congregation!

Thanks.  
Brad Elles, 440-826-4140.

### COSROW Corner for July 2016

The scene: Wesleyan Chapel (Methodist) Meeting House in Seneca, N.Y.

Time: July 19, 1848

Attendance: 300 men and women

Elizabeth Cady Stanton composed the "Declaration of Rights and Sentiments" which used the language of the Declaration of Independence.

A young mother - 33 years old - Elizabeth had never spoken before so large a group. She was the first to publicly call for women to be allowed to vote.

Later that week, 68 women and 32 men signed the "declaration". Women were granted the right to vote in 1920!



submitted by Jo Swanson



Nancy Buehler and the SPRC Committee, the Music Committee, the musicians, and all those that helped to make the Farewell Potluck for Pastor Skip & Rita such a wonderful event.

**Thank you to all that made the 45th Annual Strawberry Festival a huge success!** We had a very large crowd and great weather. Big thanks go to Boy Scout Troop 228 for taking care of our guests. To Josh Fadenholz and Marlynda Dziak for entertaining our guests with beautiful music. Also to Judy Talarczyk for coordinating the most important strawberry preparations and being an invaluable partner. I always say she is my right and left hand during this event! The food line servers, strawberry & ice cream scoopers, and kitchen cleanup crew, led once again by the tireless efforts of Roy Miller were simply outstanding. Most especially, I need to say a very special thank you to Vivien Swaddling who's constant support and help made my job much easier. This is truly a community event. Everyone pitched in and made this event run smoothly! God Bless you all.

**Many thanks to the Quilters at the United Methodist Church of Berea.** In June, this group donated \$1,000 to help meet our church's current expenses and \$1,000 towards our connectional giving share (denominational apportionments). The funds were made possible by quilting for others - many little stitches and lots of hours were & are provided by our Tuesday morning quilters to raise this money.

We thank you for your gift and your dedication.

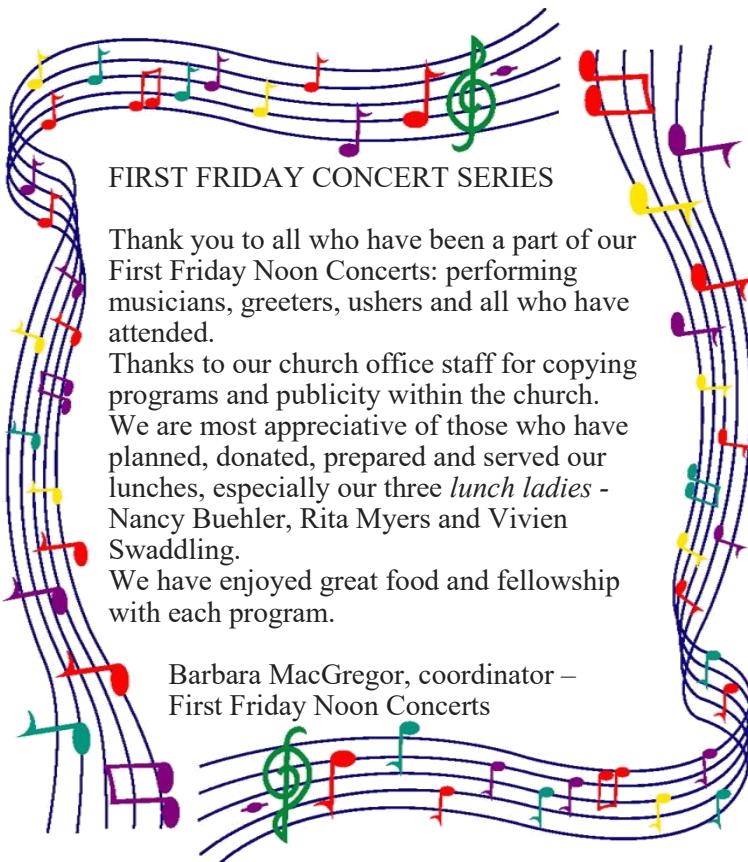


Do you like to sing?  
Come join the Summer Choir!

We will be singing at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday services on July 17 and August 21.

We will rehearse on the preceding Thursdays, July 14 and August 18, at 7 p.m. in the air-conditioned Fellowship Hall.

For sign-up or questions,  
call Margaret Proctor at 440-243-9498.



#### FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT SERIES

Thank you to all who have been a part of our First Friday Noon Concerts: performing musicians, greeters, ushers and all who have attended.

Thanks to our church office staff for copying programs and publicity within the church. We are most appreciative of those who have planned, donated, prepared and served our lunches, especially our three *lunch ladies* - Nancy Buehler, Rita Myers and Vivien Swaddling.

We have enjoyed great food and fellowship with each program.

Barbara MacGregor, coordinator –  
First Friday Noon Concerts

Best wishes, Andrew!

Andrew Cooper has been director of both the Chancel Choir and the Handbell Choir at UMCB since September 2014. He graduated from Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory this past year with a Bachelor's Degree in Music and will be moving to New Jersey to begin study on a Master's Degree at Westminster Choir College, a division of Rider University. The choirs held a farewell party for Andrew on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and wished him a wonderful experience in his graduate study.

A new Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir director has been selected, Christopher Neely. Christopher is a graduate of Eastern Carolina University and received a Master of Music in Voice Performance degree from Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. He served as choral director at a Cincinnati church for 5 years and also taught voice lessons. Chris recently moved to the Cleveland area with his wife, a nursing professional who is also a singer.

Welcome Chris! We are looking forward to your musical ministry with us.

Upcoming SCAN food collection Sundays are: **July 10 (due to 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday) and August 7.**

These months include many days off of school when children have to get their own meals while their parents work. Therefore a few additions have been made to the SCAN request list for spring and summer.



- ◆ “Easy open” foods that do not require use of can opener or stove, e.g. individual microwave mac and cheese
- ◆ Flip top cans of ravioli or spaghetti
- ◆ Four packs of individual pudding cups or fruit cups
- ◆ Graham crackers
- ◆ Tuna fish
- ◆ Canned beets, carrots, potatoes
- ◆ Canned pears or mixed fruits
- ◆ Paper products (Kleenex, napkins, paper towels, toilet paper)
- ◆ Soap products (bath soap, bar soap, hand soap, detergent)

All donations are greatly appreciated but they must be non-perishable, unexpired, and unopened.

Thank you to all who help make this mission project successful.





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Summer Sabbath is almost here - July 19, 20, & 21!



We are planning for a Sabbath interruption of your ordinary time to become a sacred memory while at Summer Sabbath. Most of us think of Sabbath as a rhythm, a tuning into our minds and heart and even the world beat. It's slowing down to observe the beauty and ignore the fast pace of life.

Take a break from cooking and allow us to serve you dinner each evening. Dinner is just \$4 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12 years old, and free for children under 6. This year's classes include Faith and Success with Vince McKee, Human Psychology & Climate Change with Dr. Kelly Coble, Fairy Gardens with Laura O'Brien, and Contemplative Prayer with Rev. Sharon Seyforth-Garner. Sign up today for a meal, a class, or, even better, more than one. The deadline to register is July 1<sup>st</sup> so don't delay!



And don't forget to join us the free concert after supper on Thursday evening! The lively music of the Scimitars Big Band will have you tapping your feet, dancing, and maybe even swinging around the dance floor. Invite others for this FREE concert on Thursday, July 21 in Wesley Hall.

## Free Concert

Thursday, July 21, 2016  
7:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall

The music of the "Big Band" era presented by  
**The *Scimitars***  
under the direction of Paul Lawrence.



## Summer Sabbath Registration Form

July 19, 20, and 21



### Course Selection (Check only one of the Options)

- Option 1: Fairy Gardens with Laura OBrien**  
(Both Nights - July 19th & 20th)
- Option 2: Vince McKee**  
(First Night - July 19th)
- Option 2: Rev. Sharon Seyforth**  
(Second Night - July 20th)
- Option 3: Dr. Kelly Coble**  
(Both Nights - July 19th & 20th)
- Option 4: Dinner & Concert**  
(July 21st)

Supper Time is 6:30 PM Cost per night for supper:	Nights Attending	Number Attending	Total
\$4 adult			
\$3 children (12 & under)			
Under 5 are free!			

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need child care for children ages 5 & under?  
(If so, list names and ages)

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Payment:  
Check \_\_\_\_ / Cash \_\_\_\_

Payable to: UMBC  
Memo Line: Summer Sabbath

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Have you seen the hallways outside of Wesley Hall?

The following have been completed in May, 2016:

The skylight has been framed in, lights installed in the cove molding, and painted.

In the East/West Hallway, extra lights have been installed; utility pipes have been covered; dropped ceilings installed; exposed pipes have been boxed in; drywall has been finished and painted.

In the North/South Hallway, walls finished and painted; dropped ceilings installed; storage area has been closed in and drywall installed, finished, and painted. A new sliding door has been installed.

(Note: Flooring will not be installed until Wesley Hall is completed.)



GO TAKE A LOOK!

Items left to be completed are Wesley Hall, bathrooms and kitchen.

Submitted by Jack Sayler and Jan Harlamert, co-chairs  
Committee of 8 Plus



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on Thursday, 8/4/2016 at United Methodist Church of Berea.

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.

In order 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/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).



## With the Intercessory Prayer Team

"This is my favorite Bible passage."

Each person in the Bible study will have the opportunity to present their favorite Bible passage. We will use different Study Bibles to answer "Who, What, When, Where and How." The object is to learn the value of different Study Bibles available to help our Bible knowledge.

"This is my favorite Bible passage" study will begin in July. Please check the Sunday Church bulletin for the start date.



During the summer as you are with family and friends in the outdoors, think of the memories you are creating with the wonder of the outdoors.

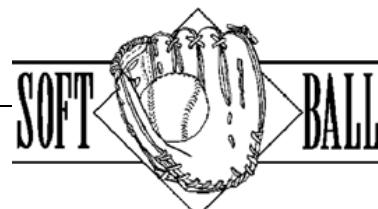
Maybe have conversation about what your own favorite activities was to do during the summer as you grew up.

I loved to swing, ride a bike and we went to the outdoor drive-in theater.

If your family has young children, have them draw what they love to do outdoors now.

How has your connection with nature changed over the years? This is a season that is so easy to share about how God is and has been a part of your life.

Deaconess Karen Caldwell



## July 3 No Game - Independence Day Weekend

July 10 6:30 p.m. vs. Brunswick UMC at Rademaker Field

July 17 6:30 p.m. vs. Strongsville UMC I at Rademaker Field

July 24 5:30 p.m. vs. Grace Silver at Cross Field

***CHRISTMAS IN JULY***

On Sunday, July 24, we will be celebrating Christmas in July, with a gift of a special offering for our church's portion of United Methodist benevolences. What are United Methodist benevolences and why do we want to be a part?

The needs in our world are great, and just one person or church can't do it alone. Causes such as hunger, poverty, and relief from natural disasters like flooding, storms, and earthquakes are but some of the concerns that need our ministry. It is overwhelming to think how one church can make a difference. Take, however, 2.4 million United Methodists in 136 countries\* together witnessing to the love of Jesus Christ, and *lives and communities are transformed in His name.*

The United Methodist Church of Berea has been asked by our church's conference to contribute to benevolences \$23,000 in 2016. Our budget for 2016, however, can only provide \$4,730. Please read the information from our Finance Committee below explaining these amounts:

*The East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church is made up of ten districts and the Methodist churches within those districts. Methodist churches contribute to the district for connectional support services, district administrative costs, and clergy benefits and support. Churches also contribute to world service and district benevolences. The conference annually advises each church of their expected contribution for these services and benevolences (referred to as apportionments), which amounts are determined by the individual churches operating (excludes capital spending) expenditures for the preceding year. As in tithing the church is asked to contribute an amount based on the church's annual spending.*

*Since 2011, we have not met this contribution requirement. In 2015, we paid \$39,028 or 51.6% and in 2016 are budgeting payment of \$15,982 or 20.6% of the requested amounts. Effectively, we are balancing our annual budget by adjusting down (\$61,600 in 2016) our contributions for the above mentioned support services and benevolences.*

Please prayerfully consider an additional contribution to help meet our benevolence responsibility, as we give to minister in Jesus' name. A Christmas giving envelope is enclosed for your use.

Respectfully,  
Finance Committee, Condit Dibble, Chair  
Joanne Mansfield, Finance Secretary

\*<http://www.umcgiving.org/your-impact>

**HANSONHOUSE TBI CLUBHOUSE**

Cleveland Browns Alumni (left to right):  
Ben Davis, Tony Dick, John Tierry, & Kevin Mack, and in the front row is.... Jo Boggs

*Success is not the key to happiness.  
Happiness is the key to success. If you love  
what you are doing, you will be successful.*  
~Herman Cain

The HansonHouse TBI Clubhouse LOVES what they do and this is shown by the success of our members, volunteers, board, committees and personnel. The quote above shows how to be successful and HansonHouse TBI Clubhouse is successful.

HansonHouse TBI Clubhouse had a very successful golf outing on Friday, June 10. Everything went well, everyone had fun, everyone had a great banquet, and to top it all we had wonderful weather.

We wanted to share some pictures with you and encourage you to come and share in the golf and banquet next year. If you do not golf, you can share in the banquet, the Chinese auction, and an opportunity to bid on some great items.



Volunteers for HansonHouse:  
Elaine, Joy, Corky, Dianna, and Anita Ferut,  
(Administrative Assistant for HansonHouse)



Jerry Boggs,  
Winner of the putting contest

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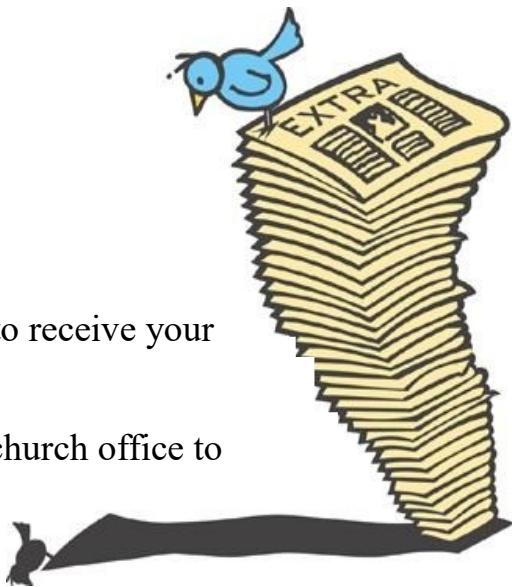
**DATED MATERIAL - DO NOT DELAY**

NOTE: If you wish to discontinue receiving this newsletter, please contact the church office to remove your name from the mailing list.



Help UMCB save paper and postage - Elect to receive your Caller by email. (You'll get it in color, too!)

Email Beth at [ebarner@umcb.org](mailto:ebarner@umcb.org) or call the church office to add your email to the Caller distribution.



Do you have extra seats in your car on Sunday mornings?  
Would you be willing to bring along a fellow member from your neighborhood?

If so, please contact the church office at 440-234-3525. We would like to match members who are not able to attend due to transportation with members in their area who are willing to provide a ride.

We hope you'll prayerfully consider joining us in this outreach.