



THE CALLER

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We continue our journey through the Healthy Church Initiative program. At our HCI weekend last September, the Conference HCI Team asked us to do these things by June of 2016: have a Day of Visioning, create a Vision Statement, hold a Service of Prayer and Reconciliation, name a Faith Formation Team, hold a Ministry and Mission Audit, and hold a workshop on the Role of the Pastor. We had our Day of Visioning in January, and our Service of Prayer and Reconciliation in February, with the Rev. Steve Court preaching.

Greg Rentsch is currently leading our Faith Formation Team with a goal of helping Staff, Church Council and the entire congregation develop Personal Faith Growth goals by September of this year. Our Ministry and Mission Audit will be on Sunday, May 1st at 3:00 p.m., followed at 6:00 p.m. by a meeting with the Staff-Parish Relations Committee to discuss the role of the Pastor.

Our Vision Statement:

The United Methodist Church of Berea is a loving, accepting church for all people that celebrates Christ's love through education, worship, and community and global outreach.

A Prayer for our Church:

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, Have mercy on us.
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, deepen our awareness of your mercy.
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, I thank you for your boundless mercy to me and to my church.
Help your church in this time and place to grow in its mission, its witness and its love.
In your blessed name, Amen.*



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH'S QUADRENNIAL GENERAL CONFERENCE will meet at the Oregon Convention Center, Portland, Oregon, on May 10th – 20th, 2016. Delegates will wrestle with a number of difficult issues, and covet your prayers.

You can keep in touch with the events of the conference by Googling The United Methodist Church General Conference, 2016, or by going directly to the United Methodist Church's website: www.umc.org

News about Lakeside Annual Conference June 12-16, 2016

Conference Lay Leader Greg Rentsch is the keynote speaker for the Leadership Development session during Annual Conference 2016 which will be on Wednesday afternoon. He will facilitate a conversation about the ways we all can progress as we move from membership to discipleship.

“As disciples, Jesus asks us: to be part of His body through a life of worship and hospitality; to become more like Him with a life opening to - and obeying - Him; and to join Him in ministry through a life of generosity and service,” Rentsch said.

Promoting a common definition of being a disciple of Jesus Christ is a focus of the Board of Laity.

WORDS OF THANK YOU!

The Finance Committee thanks Barbara Robinson for her service. Barb performed the 2015 financial audit as per the directions of the East Ohio Conference.

Thank you, Barb, for your diligent, professional audit.



**COSROW Corner
May 2016**

Each May we pause to honor our mothers. This column has high lighted the origination, yet it bares repetition.

Anna Jarvis (1864-1948) lived in Grafton, West Virginia. The death of her mother prompted Miss Jarvis to request the Superintendent of Andrews Methodist Sunday School to celebrate her mother's life. May 10, 1908 was the first such "Mother's Day"; a carnation was presented to each mother. Miss Jarvis began a letter writing campaign involving every political person across the country. The idea caught on!

President Wilson declared May 8, 1914 as "Mother's Day" and the celebration expanded around the world. Bless our mothers!

submitted by Jo Swanson

Church Family Prayer Concerns

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| Bruce Akins | Carol Isgro |
| Florence Baker | Marilyn Jelinek |
| Karl Beckman | Clint Lunt |
| Esther Berger | Margaret McCready |
| Fran Bobo | Bernice McHenry |
| Lenora Cool | Don Moody |
| Diane Corey | Roger Mook |
| Donna Dial | Edith Nealy |
| Linda Donahue | Tom Oakley |
| Cleda Fletcher | Laverne Prizner |
| Laurie Garvin | Lou Russell |
| Bob & Helen Graham | Jeanette Sheneman |
| Karen Grant | Sarah Ulmer |
| Betty Green | Molly Weaver |
| Mary Hanes | Eva Williamson |
| Pat Harf | |

* As I am getting acquainted with the UMCB members, family, and friends, your assistance in maintaining the Prayer Concerns is greatly appreciated. Please email me at ebarner@umcb.org or call the church office if you know of any updates or corrections. Thank you.

Beth Barner

We reach out in Christian sympathy to the family of Robert Dial who passed away April 8, 2016.

Services were held on April 23, 2016.



We also reach out in Christian sympathy to the Wood family after the recent passing of Christopher Wood.

PREACHING IN JUNE AND JULY

June 5th: Rev. Skip is retiring this year.
His last Sunday in the pulpit is on June 5th.
There will be only one service at 10:30 a.m.

June 12th: The Summer schedule resumes:
8:00 Chapel; 9:00 "Arise!"; 10:30, Traditional.
Megan Buehler will be preaching.

June 19th: Jo Swanson, preaching

June 26th: Greg Rentsch, preaching



July 3rd: The Rev. Nathan Howe, preaching
There will be only one service at 10:30 a.m.

July 10th: The Rev. Nathan Howe, preaching
There will be only one service at 10:30 a.m.
A time of welcome and reception will follow.

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May 22 - All Adult and Youth Classes are invited to "Traveling on Holy Lands" with Bethany & Rick Wolcott

ALL ARE WELCOME



10:00AM IN THE PARLOR

The Sunday Morning Homebuilders Class encourages Christian fellowship. Membership is extended to all age levels. Class participation shall furnish an opportunity to be mutually helpful in mental, spiritual and social life.

May 1 Lakeside, Tim Taylor

May 8 See special box to the right →

May 15 College Students Then and Now, Robin Gagnow

MAY 8 at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall Sergeant Pat Greenhill of the Berea Police Department will make a presentation on drug abuse in our community. This will be an open forum. Everyone is urged to attend.

Sundays at 10:00 AM in Room 12

On May 2nd, we will start a new book, "The Breadwinner". The novel takes place in Afghanistan and the main character is 11-year-old Parvana. You'll find the author's research so relevant. 2014 UN reported Afghanistan as the worst country in the world to be born a girl. The average life expectancy of a woman is 44 years.

Books are available for reading in room 12. The book is from our library system so leave your name as you take a book. Submitted and led by Deaconess Karen Caldwell



Check out the five new books in our 2016 UMW reading program:

- 1. I am Malala
2. The White Umbrella
3. Key United Methodist Beliefs
4. Dreamers: An Immigrant Generation
5. Uprising: A new Age is Dawning for Every Mother's Daughter

"I Am Malala," an autobiographical book by Malala Yousafzai, describes the rise of the Taliban in the mountains of Pakistan where Malala and her family lived. Her father defied the Taliban by operating a school for girls and encouraging them to get as much education as the boys. When Malala was shot by the Taliban and miraculously survived, she and her family moved to England and have now become ambassadors for the UN to promote education in poverty-stricken countries around the world. This book is listed in the leadership category of the UMW reading program. Submitted by Betsy Meikle

Read and Grow Discussion Group

Monday, May 9th from 6:45 to 8:00 PM in the parlor.

Book Title is: "Winter Garden" by Kristin Hannah Winter Garden is a powerful, heartbreaking novel that illuminates the intricate mother-daughter bond and explores the enduring links between present and past.

For more information, call Janet Mallarnee, 440-235-7331 or Jan Harlamert 440-243-7126



Take a short hike on Sunday, May 22nd!

We'll meet at the church at 2 PM then car pool to south Quarry Picnic Area in Mill Stream Reservation (Approximately two miles from the church).

All ages are welcome. The trail is dirt, flat, and 1 mile.

Hike along the East branch of the Rocky river with Brecksville nature Center Manager, Sharon Hosko. We will go in search of the emerging 17 year periodical cicadas. These insects have been buried underground sucking sap from tree roots since their last invasion in 1999. Don't worry, they do not bite or sting and they are harmless!

Sponsored by: Family Life/Church and Society

UMCB Art Gallery

In May, we will display George Short's pottery. George Short (Big George) is a graduate of Baldwin Wallace University. In 1977, his wife, Barbara persuaded him to take pottery lessons at Midpark High School. He fell in love with the medium and continued to make pottery until early 2015.

George's works have been shown at craft shows in Ohio and Michigan. His pottery continues to be sold in Loudonville where he and his wife partnered with others in a local shop featuring handmade items & art.

Both secular and religious pieces by George can be viewed in the display case near the Narthex.

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SUMMER SABBATH: JULY 19, 20, AND 21



We welcome summer as a time of creativity and renewal for our whole spirit. We have been making plans knowing that you will be partnering with us in the quiet moments of summer. The blessings of the Sabbath will soothe our souls and remain as a good summer memory. Here are the Options that will be offered this year.

Option 1: Fairy Gardens with Laura OBrien

(Both Nights)
Join us in making your very own fairy/angel garden. We will supply everything you need to create a cozy place for your fairy/angel to play. If you have any miniature items at home, feel free to bring them!



Laura OBrien has led many Summer Sabbath crafts over the last few years. She has an art degree from Baldwin Wallace College and now specializes in handmade jewelry. You can find her artwork at [Etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com/shop/BohemianJewelry13) under BohemianJewelry13.

Option 2: Vince McKee

(First Night)
Vince McKee is a growing force in the sports literary world. His first seven books all helped to build his credibility as a top-notch chronicler of the impact of Ohio sports. Vince is also the Senior VP of Sponsorship for neosportsinsiders.com as well as a Beat Reporter for the Cleveland Plain Dealer & The Medina Gazette.
"The presentation will be about how my faith in God has allowed me to follow a dream and reach levels of faith and success that once seemed impossible until a miracle happened."

Rev. Sharon Seyforth

(Second Night)
Rev. Sharon Seyforth Garner is gifted in leading **Contemplative Prayer Practices**. This will be interactive option.

Option 3: Dr. Kelly Coble

(Both Nights)
Dr. Kelly Coble is the chair of the Philosophy Department at Baldwin Wallace University .

July 19. Human Psychology meets Climate Change: Why Responding Ethically to Climate Science is Really Hard

July 20. Human Psychology meets Climate Change: Ways of Thinking that can Make a Difference

Some of you might know Dr. Coble from *The Front Porch* the all facility bluegrass band.

On Thursday, July 21st our closing evening of this year's Summer Sabbath we will be entertained by the music of the "Big Band" era presented **Scimitars** under the direction of Paul Lawrence. The **Scimitars** specialize in the music of the 1940's, 50's and 60's; . They also present music of an earlier vintage, as well as some current popular tunes. Their instrumentation includes full saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and rhythm sections. All are welcome to come and tap

Completed registration forms go to Deaconess Karen Caldwell by Friday July 1, 2016.

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!			

Course Selection
(circle only one of the Options)

Option 1
Option 2
Option 3

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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

Payment:
Check ____ / Cash ____

Payable to: UMCB
Memo Line: Summer Sabbath

Sponsored by Adult Council

UMCB YOUTH



- Sunday 5/1 **Confirmation**
Sunday FUN Day
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Youth Room
- Saturday, 5/14 **Senior High Day**
- Sunday, 5/15 **Cleveland Work Mission Meeting**
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Youth Room
- Sunday, 5/22 **Movie Matinee**

For more information and permission slips, please see the Youth Bulletin Board located by the Spring Street stairwell.

Children's Division Events

- May 6, 2016 Spring Fling Dance (see below for more info)
- May 17, 2016 Children's Council, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in Parlor
- May 22, 2016 Last Day of Sunday School: Teacher Appreciation
- May 29, 2016 Summer Schedule Begins (No Sunday School)
- June 1, 2016 VBS Volunteers Meeting, Parlor
- June 20-24, 2016 Vacation Bible School



YOU ARE INVITED TO:

SPRING FLING DANCE

Live DJ! Light Show!

Cost: canned food or paper products for the SCAN Food Bank

MAY 6, 2016
WESLEY HALL
6:30-9:00pm

You may invite 2-3 guests (Grades K-12). Turn permission slips to your Sunday School Teacher or bring to the event with your donation for SCAN.

REMEMBER: Each class is asked to bring 2 sweet & 2 salty bags of snacks to share. Beverages will be provided.

Sponsored by Children's, Youth, and Missions Councils.

Church Women United in Greater Cleveland

May Friendship Day
Friday, May 6, 2016

Spring Tour of Churches
Monday, May 16, 2016

See details on the
UMW Bulletin board
or contact Carol Kappeler
at [440-234-5985](tel:440-234-5985)



UMW PLANTS SALE



Delivery Dates & Times
(Pick up in Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, May 5: Noon - 7 p.m.
Friday, May 6: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, May 7: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sunday, May 8: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Extra plants will be sold on Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall.



Parma-Southwest District of Church Women United of Greater Cleveland Potluck Salad Lunch is Tuesday, May 17, 12:00, at Parma-South Presbyterian Church, 6155 Pearl Road. Bring a salad and a \$3 donation. The speaker is Kevin L. Schaner, Volunteer in Mission. She discusses the role of women in Belfast, Ireland, as they work to heal the spiritual and political wounds of this area.

Celebrating the Ministry of Bishop John and Elaine Hopkins



OUR EAST OHIO CONFERENCE BISHOP, JOHN HOPKINS, is retiring this year. Bishop Hopkins has ably guided our conference over the past 12 years, and in order to recognize his service, two love offerings are being established. The first is a personal offering to John and his wife, Elaine; the second is to one of his favorite causes:

Bishop John & Elaine Hopkins Celebration Fund 9558
Bishop Hopkins Timothy Scholarship Fund 9967

Checks may be mailed to East Ohio Conference, P.O. Box 76019, Cleveland, OH 44101-4755. You may direct your gift by noting one or both of the above in the memo line of your check.

MONDAY, JUNE 13

At Annual Conference

7:30 pm Program inside Hoover Auditorium, followed by music and food on the streets outside.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

Dinner Cruise & Evening aboard the Good Time III

Jackson Street Pier
233 E. Shoreline Drive, Sandusky, OH 44870

7:00 pm Board the Goodtime III for a 2 ½-hour dinner cruise tour of Sandusky Bay and Lake Erie.
Cost: \$22/person (ages 12 and older) \$11/accompanied child (ages 5 to 11)

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

Akron RubberDucks vs. Trenton Thunder at Canal Park

6:00 pm All-You-Can-Eat Picnic in Fowl Territory Picnic Area

7:00 pm Bishop Hopkins throws Out the First Pitch prior to the game

Cost: \$27/person for picnic and the game

Tickets for the events on June 16th and June 24th must be purchased on line in advance at <https://www.123signup.com/event?id=pnkkq>

New Habitat Apostles Build Project



Our goal again this year for the Apostles Build Project is \$4,000. We ask for your continued faithfulness for 2016 with donations, participating in fund raisers and volunteering. Please check the gauge in the Narthex to see our progress... Won't you help the needle rise and meet our goal?

Please plan to visit Max & Erma's restaurants on May 1st between 11AM—11PM and use this coupon. →

Dates to Volunteer:
Thursday, August 18th
Thursday, September 15th
Saturday, October 22nd

Contact Vivien Swaddling to Volunteer!

Here are some important facts about the effects on these new homeowners and their families: Home ownership makes stake holders in the community, helps build financial security, and has profound impacts on the family. It has a positive impact on parenting, health, and education outcomes for children.¹ Children have higher math and reading achievement scores and have less behavioral problems. There is greater cognitive and emotional support for children who reside in their own home. Additionally home ownership has a positive effect on children remaining in school.

Join us for a
FUNdraiser

at **MAX & ERMA'S**



**United Methodist Church of
 Berea Habitat Project**
Sunday, May 1st, 11:00am - 11:00pm

Max & Erma's Middleburg Heights
 7085 Engle Rd.
 Middleburg Heights, OH 44130
 440-816-1626

**Present this flyer to your server and a percentage of your
 food sales will be donated back to the organization!**

Visit MaxandErmas.com for more information on FUNdraising for your organization!

Flyer distribution on Max & Erma's property is prohibited and will result in the forfeiture of your organization's entire donation. Donation amount is not calculated on alcohol and gift card sales. Donations will not be made on past purchases. Max & Erma's donations cannot be combined with coupons or other offers.

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Food Pantry Needs

Upcoming SCAN food collection Sundays are:

May 1, June 5, July 10 (due to 4th 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 spaghettios
- ◆ 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)

April's Loose Change Offering was \$80.75 for CROP WALK.



May's Loose Coin Offering will be collected for HANSON HOUSE.

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.

**FIRST FRIDAY
NOON CONCERTS**



**FRIDAY
MAY 6, 2016
12 Noon**

In honor of Cinco de Mayo, the program will be Hispanic Music performed by the Marron Classical Guitar Quartet from The University of Akron.



A light lunch will be served from 12:30 to 1:30 PM. The menu will follow the concert theme - taco salad and fruit kabobs. The concert and lunch are free; donations are appreciated to support this series. Everyone is welcome.

Thank You from the Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir appreciates The Baldwin Wallace Conservatory students who have sung with us throughout the 2015-2016 school year:

Dalton Dudley,
Elizabeth Mason
Courtney Popp
Destinee Siebe,
Chris Vilca.

Their dedication and talent have enhanced our worship. We look forward to welcoming them back in the fall.

The Chancel Choir.

Thank You from the NEWSingers

The NEWSingers would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended our annual concert and pie festival. It is a pleasure for us to worship through song and the pleasure is even sweeter when shared with friends.

A special thanks to those who extended their love and friendship by helping to cut pies, serve the light supper and usher. Lynn Rowland, Ken and Marilyn Foster, Joanne Mansfield, Sandy Marek, Carol Kappeler, Larry and Wendy Jelinek, Nancy Buehler, Carol Anne McCleery, Jan Harlamert, Russ and Ruth Ann Simon, and other NewSingers friends and family hold a special place in our heart. Your gift of hospitality made everyone feel welcomed and loved.



Position open: Choir Director

The United Methodist Church of Berea is accepting applications for the part-time position of Choir Director, to begin employment June 2016.

Duties:

- ◇ Lead UMCB's Chancel Choir in one weekly rehearsal, weekly Sunday morning worship services with one Sunday off per month (September–May), special worship services on Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, or Maundy Thursday, and one worship service per month during the summer (June– August).
- ◇ Lead UMCB's Hand-bell Choir in one weekly rehearsal and one Sunday morning worship service per month (September–May), as well as a Christmas hand-bell concert in mid-December.
- ◇ Plan music for both ensembles in a timely fashion and in accordance with the church calendar and/or the Pastor's preaching.
- ◇ Attend Music Staff Committee meetings and offer input to the larger-scale planning of music at UMCB.
- ◇ Administrate and supervise the Chancel Choir's four Choral Scholar positions.

Qualifications:

- ◇ B.M. or B.M.E. — either earned or currently enrolled.
- ◇ Strong skills in the areas of voice and vocal pedagogy, music theory, and possibly keyboard playing.
- ◇ Strong interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to collaborate with the Pastor and the Organist in musical direction and planning.
- ◇ Strong leadership skills and the ability to engage and effectively teach people of varying ages and skill levels.
- ◇ Ability to create a positive and loving community within musical ensembles.

Employment Information:

- ◇ Employment to begin summer 2016 for the Chancel Choir's once-monthly worship services during summer schedule. Regular rehearsals and worship services to resume in September.
- ◇ Entry-level salary; commensurate (to an extent) with qualifications.

Applicants should submit the following to ebarner@umcb.org:

- ◇ Cover letter
- ◇ Résumé/Vita
- ◇ List of references
- ◇ Availability on Thursday evenings 7:00–8:30 over the coming weeks for the possibility of leading a Chancel Choir rehearsal for roughly twenty minutes.

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UMCOR's work reaches people in more than 80 countries, including the United States. We provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupt life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own.



UMCB Member Bob Graham's paintings of his time at UMCOR are now displayed in UMCOR's new dormitory.

(See the paintings in color in the "In the News" showcase by the church office.)



Ushers Needed for Sunday Services

We have a need for additional ushers at our Sunday services - especially for the 8:00 a.m. Chapel service.

If you would like to assist with ushering (full time or part time), please contact Brad Elles at 440-826-4140. Ushering is a great way to meet our congregation!

**Remember:
SCAN Collection is the first Sunday of each Month.**

