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# THE CALLER

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## Words from the Pastor at Ohio Guidestone

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### Sunday Worship Services

8AM in Chapel  
9AM **arise!** Sanctuary  
11:15AM Traditional, Sanctuary



Rev. Karen Wolcott

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Moving towards perfection does not mean that we will not make mistakes or have shortcomings. Perfection, to John Wesley, co-founder of the Methodist Church, is not about being perfect; rather, it is about

having the perfect motivation to love our neighbor as God loves us. He believed that living the life of "love of God and neighbor" was to be on the road to perfection; to move toward life at its best.

In society, perfection is a double edge sword. By worldly standards, we want life to be perfect, but it is not. We want to be successful, happy and fulfilled, but it takes work. Everyday, God works to change our heart and transform our spirit that we might grow into something new.

Working toward Christian perfection is a process. It takes changing from the inside out. We have years of experience to work through and oftentimes it means rethinking our direction. When we are open to the transforming love of God, all things are possible, and we discover new potential and joy.

Philippians 4:13(CEB) says, "I can endure all these things through the power of the one who gives me strength." When we embrace the invitation by God and others to push towards perfection in our lives, we come a lot closer to achieving it. We are not alone in our journey. God motivates us, and as a result, we transform the lives of ourselves and others with our newfound faith.

*"It is about having the perfect motivation to love our neighbor as God loves us."*

~ Rev. Karen Wolcott,

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## FROM THE INTERCESSORY PRAYER TEAM!

**When talking with Him:** Share the things that bring you joy and fulfillment in life or the biggest problem you have in life at this moment. **Remember**, you are telling Him something new. He already knows, but it just does your heart good to talk with Him because you are building a relationship.

Every Tuesday at 9:15 a.m. in the Sacristy, prayers of intercession are offered. Our group is small and we would welcome anyone who would like to join us; just come in. If you have a prayer request, let a staff member know or place a prayer request card in the offering plate.



## Church Women United May Events

### **May Friendship Day,**

Friday, May 2, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Cost of the Day \$10.00

St. James A.M.E. Church

8401 Cedar Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

See UMW bulletin board for more details

### **Spring Tour of Churches**

Monday, May 12, 8:30 a.m.

\$35 price includes lunch at Don's Pomeroy House

See UMW bulletin board for list of churches and more details.

### **Parma Southwest District Church Women United**

Annual Spring Salad Pot-luck Luncheon

Tuesday, May 20, at 12:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church of Berea

Program-Jacquelyn Mayer will portray Mrs. Martin Luther

Bring a salad to share, a friend and \$3.00.

Carol Kappeler, [440-234-5985](tel:440-234-5985)



UMW of Berea is hosting a "Creative Arts Trunk Show" on May 3rd at 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall run by "Anna's Sewing Center" on Lorain Road in North Olmsted. Featuring: Quilting, Stitchery, Embroidery and more.

A salad lunch to follow the program. Cost: \$4.00 Reservations to: 440-234-3525 x.100



Our support of SCAN (Southwest Community Access Network) Hunger Center Pantry is much needed and appreciated. The following is an excerpt from a thank you letter we received April 17th:

"On behalf of the clients we serve at the SCAN Hunger Pantry, I thank you for your kind contribution. Your wonderful donation of lots of canned and packaged goods, pie crusts and cake mixes made a welcome addition to our clients' bags for Easter."

Lona Gruber, SCAN director



### **HOMEBUILDERS SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### **ALL ARE WELCOME 10:00 AM IN THE PARLOR**

Please join us in the month of May for our last 3 classes before summer break.

May 4: Ellen Pozeman speaking on "God in the Old Testament"

May 11: John Kappeler speaking on "The Gideon Story"

May 18: Final class to be announced.

The Homebuilders Spring Social and location is in the planning stages. We will keep you updated as our plans progress.

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## COSROW Corner – May 2014

Spring is here! Let these words from an unknown poet, help you feel a rebirth of love.

*If you hear a kind word spoken of some worthy soul you know, It may fill the heart with sunshine if you only tell him so.*

*If a deed, however humble, helps you on your way to go, Seek the one whose hand has helped you, seek him out and tell him so.*

*Oh, my sisters, oh my brothers, as o'er life's rough path you go, If God's love has saved and kept you, do not fail to tell men so!*

Submitted by Jo Swanson

## Church Family Prayer Concerns

Bruce Akins	Laurie Garvin
Florence Baker	Betty Green
Eileen Bell	Jane Jeffrey
Esther Berger	Marilyn Jelinek
Mary Bittinger	Mary Letts
Fran Bobo	Della Lofton
Georgianna Bonds	Clint Lunt
Betty Conley	Margaret McCready
Lenora Cool	Dorothy Novak
Bob & Donna Dial	Tom Oakley
Barbara Donahue	Lois & Ray Pagel
Marie Douglas	Jeanette Sheneman
Marlene Felts	Dorothy Wheaton
Bob Ferrell	Ronal Young

## Sympathies to:

- Karl and Cass Beckman on the death of Karl's father, Clark Virden Beckman on February 19, 2014.
- The family of Nick Wik who passed away the week of March 10, 2014.
- Eleanor Lansell and family on the death of Dan Lansell on March 20, 2014.
- Verlaine Anderson on the death of her mother, Vernice Harris on March 29, 2014.
- Marcy Ferraro and family on the death of Steve Ferraro on April 10, 2014. Services were held on April 15th in the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, Rittman Ohio.
- David Thurau and family on the death of his brother, Steven John Thurau on April 11, 2014.

## News from Rev. Skip Myers

It was announced on Sunday, April 6 that the Rev. Karen Wolcott, Chaplain and Pastor to OhioGuidestone, will be appointed by Bishop John Hopkins and the Cabinet of the East Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church to serve a local church. Effective July 1, 2014 she will become Senior Pastor of Ridgewood United Methodist Church in Parma. Pastor Karen has enjoyed providing pastoral care and ministering to both clients and staff of OhioGuidestone. She has served the agency for the past 16 years and will continue to do so for the next few months. Please join me in congratulating Pastor Karen and wishing her well at Ridgewood UMC.

Pastor Skip



Rev. Karen Wolcott  
Rev.KarenWolcott



## ***Words of Thanks and Appreciation***

- **Clean-up Days were a “Shining” Success”** The Trustees appreciate all the work that was done by Baldwin Wallace University Students on March 29 and April 5. Community Service clean-up days were held at UMCB. Representative from the Trustees assisted and directed the tasks to be completed and provided coffee, donuts, pretzels, water bottles and juice for the volunteers.

March 29th was a day of service for Phi Mu Sorority in honor of Frances Willard (referring to stained glass window in the Chapel). Thirty students and alums completed many needed housekeeping tasks including sanitizing all the toys and furniture in the infant room, toddler room, pre-school room and the Family Promise toy boxes.

April 5th was BWU Day of Service. Twelve students completed a variety of tasks including replacing the storm windows in the Chapel with the screens since Spring is here! They also cleaned all the ceiling light fixtures and fans on the lower floors. Sanctuary, balcony, and choir loft pews were also cleaned. The list was too long to include everything that was accomplished!

Thank You!!! Trustees Chairperson, Dave Ulman

- **UMW Garage Sale** WOW what an event!! Heartfelt appreciation and a big “thank you” to all the volunteers who gave of their time and talents during the week of our Spring Garage Sale. The amount of time and energy to pull off this three day event is certainly appreciated every year. The proceeds earned will go to the UMW missions.

Thank you! Laura Sperry / Coordinator

- **Hosanna Festival was EGG-Citing!** Thanks to the volunteers who decorated, set-up, cleaned-up, and led the games, crafts, egg hunt, egg dying, palm cross making, Easter cookie decorating, bird/squirrel bagel treat making, Earth Day water lesson, hula hoop contest, jelly bean guessing contest, bunny cookie walk, candid photos, and the chocolate fountain goodies. The mission focus was donations of paper products for scan brought by the families attending. A delicious pot luck dinner culminated the event on Palm Sunday and Earth Day.

Children's Council, Laura Sperry / Chair person



## **The North Coast District Lay Servants**

The Lakewood United Methodist Church will host the Lay Servant Ministries Consecration Service on Sunday, May 18, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. A member from our own church, *Mary Hanes*, will be commissioned at this service. Anyone is welcome to attend this Consecration Service. *Congratulations Mary!*



*“Dinner for Eight”* is a conversational dinner group that is always looking for new members. Eight couples participate and the expectation is that one couple will host a dinner sometime between June 2014 and May 2015, while attending 3 other dinners. The meals can be prepared at the host couple’s home, in a park such as Coe Lake, in a nearby restaurant, or even at the church. Each person in the dining quartet will donate a dish to the dinner. Please call Molly Force: [440-888-8417](tel:440-888-8417), if you are interested in Dinner for Eight. We will be publishing the new list early in June 2014. You can also e-mail Molly at: [mforce@bereak12.oh.us](mailto:mforce@bereak12.oh.us).

## **Wesley Hall Committee of 8 Plus Report Correction**

Wesley Hall Kitchen Sub-Committee - area is under study. The Committee suggested the purchase of a portable heating/holding cabinet to be used now. This would help in preparation of meals and keeping the food hot until needed. For more information, call Jan Harlamert [440 243-7126](tel:440-243-7126).

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## Read & Grow Group

May 12—6:45 p.m. in the Parlor  
"Ten Green Bottles : The True Story  
One Family's Journey from  
Wartorn Austria to the Ghettos of  
Shanghai" by Vivian Jeanette Kaplan



of

The Karpel's Jewish identity suddenly made them foreigners in Austria. Tormented, disenfranchised, and with a broken heart, Nini and her family sought refuge in a land seven thousand miles across the world. Shanghai, China, was one of the few countries granting Jews a new home and refuge. Stepping off the boat, the Karpel family found themselves in a land they could never have imagined. Shanghai presented an incongruent world of immense wealth and privilege for some and poverty for the masses.

You are welcome to attend.

May 19th at 6:00 p.m. - Join us for a Fellowship Dinner and Planning Session at the Harlamert's. Bring a dish to share.

Our Spring series of **New Member Classes** will be offered at 10:00 a.m. on four consecutive Sundays beginning with Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, with a Reception of New Members on Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.



New Member Class



## Cuyahoga County Public Library

What's New At the Library?  
Did you know?

Teens and Kids eBooks are accessible with a computer or compatible devise, the Internet and your library card! Start Reading Now!

Visit [cuyahogalibrary.org/teenebooks.aspx](http://cuyahogalibrary.org/teenebooks.aspx).  
Or [cuyahogalibrary.org/stories.aspx](http://cuyahogalibrary.org/stories.aspx).

## Library News at UMCB

*Outcasts United*, by Warren St. John, is a book in the leadership category in the UMW reading program. The story takes place in Clarkston, Georgia, a small town chosen by our government for the re-location of refugees who had escaped from horrible situations in their native countries in Africa and the Middle East. Many of them could not speak English and were having difficulties finding jobs and adjusting to a different culture. When Luma Mufleh, a Jordanian immigrant herself, discovers that so many of these children love to play soccer, she decides to voluntarily organize some refugee boys' soccer teams. Even though she faces opposition and prejudice from local officials, Luma is able to help the boys on her teams and their families deal with many of the obstacles they have encountered as they tried to integrate into a new, and sometimes frightening, country. As the author, a reporter for the New York Times, interviews families and observes the teams in action, he provides readers with firsthand insights into the problems that these immigrants have had to overcome. This book will encourage all readers to develop a more thorough understanding of the struggles of refugees with traumatic backgrounds from war-torn countries as they try to build new lives.

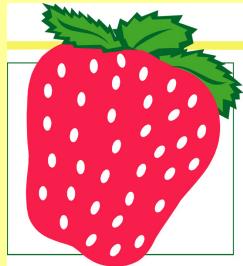
Betsy Meikle



## Attention All Golfers:

I believe Spring is coming and the grass will turn green and once again we will be playing golf at Royal Crest on Monday evenings. We will start between 5:00 and 5:30 p.m. All are welcome women, men and kids. We have room for more players. Your skill level does not matter. As a matter of fact we do not turn in scores. This is a noncompetitive fellowship of people who enjoy being out on the green pastures with good friends and making the occasional great golf shot or sinking a long putt. So put Mondays between May 5 and sometime in September on your calendar. If you can't make every Monday, come when you can. If you have any questions call Roy Mallarene at 440-234-0701 or email at [mallarnee@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mallarnee@sbcglobal.net).

**Save The Date  
44th Annual  
Strawberry Festival  
at UMCB**



**Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2014**

**Time: 5:30 to 7:30pm**

The 44th Annual Strawberry Festival is coming on Tuesday, June 3, 2014. This is a great community event that requires many volunteers. We will have a sign-up board in the Narthex beginning on May 11th.

You can also call Jill Bush at 440-667-3182 to see how you can help.



**VACATION**

**BIBLE SCHOOL**

for Children ages 3 through  
3rd Grade (entering this fall)

**July 7- July 11, 2014**  
**9:30 to 12 Noon**

Guidestone  
Berea Children's Home Farm  
Lewis & West Roads

Sponsored by  
The United Methodist Church of Berea  
Family Picnic Thursday, July 10, 6-8 p.m.

**On Time Registration: \$20.00**  
**After June 15: \$25.00**

Registration Form is on-line at [www.umcb.org](http://www.umcb.org)

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**DAY CAMP**

**July 14-18, 2014**

**Moll Woods - Valley City, OH**

**Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday 9:00am-4:00pm**

**Thursday Overnight 2:00pm-Oversight**

**Friday 9:00am-4:00pm**

**Cost: \$30.00\*\***

**Youth Assistants: \$15.00**

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

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

**Invite a friend!**

Registration Form is on-line at [www.umcb.org](http://www.umcb.org)



**Moll Woods on Grafton Road  
about 20 minutes from UMCB**



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## Invitation to Summer Sabbath: Save the dates: July 21, 22, 23

written by Karen Caldwell

Do you ever find yourself headed off on vacation and wanting to do it all?

I want to hike, ride a horse, hear the sounds of animals, swim and of course eat out! I want to be able to name the wild flowers and the birds. It might seem like a form of spiritual frenzy, even though I would be in the wilderness. I am still "shopping" to fill up my cart with experiences (and maybe even headed to the check out lane.)

Wayne Muller insisted, "When we live without listening to the timing of things, when we live and work in twenty-four hour shifts without rest we will not be nourished...Yes, we are strong and capable people, we can labor without ceasing. But remember, no living thing lives like this. There are greater rhythms, seasons, hormonal cycles, sunset and moonrises and great movements of the seas and stars. We are part of the creation story, subject to all its laws and rhythms." *Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal and Delight in Our busy Lives*

If we do not allow for a rhythm of rest in our overly busy lives we may miss a Sabbath moment. I can guarantee you if you are a part of summer Sabbath you will look back on the experience as relaxing, full of laughter and it might be what you are desiring. I guess this summer in Yellowstone I need to sit and listen to the snapping of the dry wood by animals and the deafening silence on a trail, and forget the naming of plant life and animals as priority.

### **Free Concert on July 23 at 7:00 p.m. in The Gathering Place**

Featuring the band: "Front Porch" with:

Kelly Coble on Guitar

Beth Hiser on Bass and Fiddle

Steve Hollender on Guitar and Banjo

Mark Mattern on Fiddle and Mandolin

All are BW professors who love traditional and folk tunes. We perform at a wide variety of local venues.



Do you want less stress and more relaxation in your life? Do you want to improve your flexibility, balance and coordination? Do you want to include meditation in your daily life but find it hard to sit still?

T'ai Chi Chih is the answer.

Contact Rae Marie @ 440-826-1469 or sign-up on sheet outside Room 12 for registration by Thursday May 1, 2014.



Instructor: Rae Marie Pudelski

Next Class Session: 5/5/2014 through 6/23/14 at 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$80 for 8 (1-1/4 hour) consecutive weekly classes



**TARGET**



Target and Circle K have been added to the list of the many businesses available on our gift card form. Order blanks are on the bulletin board outside of the parlor. Place your order, along with a check to United Methodist Women, in the slot on the door of the Finance office.

Cards are ordered on Monday and delivered the next Sunday. This is an ongoing fundraiser for our UMW. You may also contact Marilyn Smith at 440-243-4165 for more information.



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**SCAN** will receive food and paper products from our church on May 4, 2014.

**Loose Change Sunday is  
May 11 and will go to:**

**Family Promise**



The Equal Exchange Coffee Table is open the first Sunday of the month.

Summer Worship Schedule will start on May 25, 2014

- 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

