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# THE CALLER

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## Summer Worship Services

May 25 through August 31

8AM in Chapel

9AM **arise!** Sanctuary

10:30AM Traditional, Sanctuary

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Driving down the street a while ago, I noticed a sign in front of a house that read, "Free—Live Mouse Traps." I'm a little slow, so it took me a while to figure out what it meant; but I hope they manage to give away all of their kittens.

When I finally realized what the sign meant, I got to thinking: What's in a name? Shakespeare asked the same question and then went on to say that a rose by any other name smells as sweet. Perhaps, but I wonder if we named the flower skunkweed, many people would bother to smell it at all. We do react to the names we give things.

The story is told of a marketing problem the fishing industry had one time. It seems there was an abundance of one kind of fish. It was tasty, too; but no one wanted to buy a fish called horse mackerel. They solved the problem by changing its name and Tuna became very popular indeed.

Just as the name we give a thing colors our perception of it, the names we give the events in our lives encourage or discourage us. Where one person sees a problem, another sees an opportunity—and the latter person will deal with the situation a lot more successfully. For instance, a person loses his job. If he names it a disaster, he is likely to sit at home mourning. Precious time going out and looking for a new one will be lost; the free time he has could have been used to get closer to family and friends, but he wastes it by moping about, isolating himself from the very people who could encourage him.

Another person faces the same problem. She doesn't pretend to like it—we're not talking about self-deceptions here—but she names it a challenge. She didn't ask for it; she didn't want it, but it came; and with it comes opportunities for a different and more satisfying life. She rises to the challenge and charts out a new life.

Now the names we give the problems that come do not make the problems go away; but the names we give them can serve to encourage or discourage us as we deal with them. Isn't it better to give them hopeful names, and then work with God to overcome and grow through them?

*Rev. Skip Myers*

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## FROM THE INTERCESSORY PRAYER TEAM!

In the quiet of your heart, ask Him to forgive you for all the things you have done that you should not have done and for the things you should have done that you left undone. 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 AM 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.



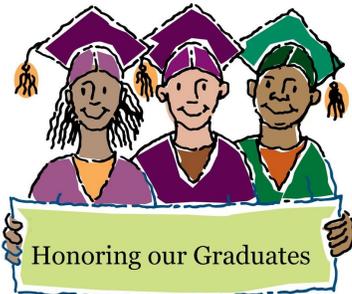
### 2014 Confirmation Class - May 4th

Top Row: Chuck Dixon, Margaret Proctor, Sarah Johnson  
Teachers: (Youth Director)

Middle Row: Pamela Minarich, Emily Force, Lindsay Majchrycz,  
Samantha Perzel, Natalie Moore, Aubree Nolan

Bottom Row: Jaiden Caracci, Logan Rollins, Evan Lambermont

### Senior Sunday!



June 1st at the 9:00 AM Service we will recognize our high school graduates.

Josh Bernal	Jeff Patrick
Paul Coulter	Heather Schmitt
Katie Johnston	Paul Warren
Angel Lambermont	Drew Zapor
Jack Marousek	



There will be a reception at 10:00 AM in the Youth Room.

## 2014 Annual Conference at Lakeside - June 15 thru June 19

News Alert! Did you know?

**Rev. Skip Myers** will be recognized as the North Coast District Lay Servant Pastor of the Year 2014 during the Annual Conference at Lakeside. This event will take place at a luncheon on Monday, June 16, 2014 at 11:45 AM in Wesley Lodge at Lakeside.

Congratulations Rev. Skip!



**Rev. Dr. Valerie Stultz**, Berea's pastor from 2001-2008 and then Canal District Superintendent, will be retiring this year at Lakeside. A service recognizing those retiring will be held at 7:30 PM on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> in Hoover Auditorium. Following the service there will be a Retirement Celebration for Valerie in the Fern Room at the Lakeside Hotel. She and Buck are moving to Delaware, Ohio. Their new address is 680 Covered Bridge Drive, Delaware, Ohio 43015.

**COSROW Corner – June 2014**

Let us rejoice in Spring time!

*I walked the other day along a river and watched the ducks and heard some hawklings cries;*

*Then suddenly the nearness of my Savior brought tears of joy and wonder to my eyes.*

*Oh, praise the lord! And Christian look around!  
For every bush you pass with fire is flaming,*

*And every spot you tread is holy ground.*

Anne Ortlund

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
Bob Donahue	Ray Pagel
Marie Douglas	Jeanette Sheneman
Marlene Felts	Dorothy Wheaton

**Notes submitted from our Memorials Committee**

- From the Red Church History Book of The United Methodist Church of Berea on page 191-192 the following is recorded.

The most recent of our memorials is a columbarium which was dedicated on Memorial Day, Sunday, May 30, 1976. This repository has been made possible through volunteer labor and monetary contributions from members of this church. Its purpose is to provide a repository where cremated remains of the member and their families may be interred. There is no cost to the families other than the preparation of the remains and the placement in the uniform packets provided by the church office prior to cremation. There is a memorial plaque in the Chapel listing the names of those interred in the repository. We also have a Memorial Recordbook that is kept for the entry of the name of the deceased.



Researched by Jan Harlamert

- The Book of Honor—What is it? It is a place to record contributions of people who want to honor someone for a special reason. It may be a birthday, a graduation, an anniversary, or the birth of a baby. It can also be an appreciation for a kindness rendered or a job well done. If you would like to honor someone for any reason, envelopes reading “a gift to honor a special person” can be found in the Narthex. Just fill it out and give it to the church office. The contribution will be used for specific church needs.
- New Hearing Devices Needed: The hearing assistance transmitters that are now being used are quite old and constantly needing repairs. There is a fund for new hearing devices which now totals \$1,000. The total cost for a new system is \$4,500. If you would like to contribute to this much needed project please contact the church office.
- Our Sympathies:**
  - To Ruth Vrana on the death of her sister Judy Royer (Montgomery) of Naples, Florida. Judy was a long time member of our church and a teacher and administrator in the Cleveland School System.
  - Ray Pagel and Family on the death of Lois Pagel on May 17, 2014. Her memorial service is scheduled for May 24th at 11:00 AM in the sanctuary.

**Words of Thanks and Appreciation**



Eric's tour of duty in Afghanistan is over! Thanks for your prayers, best wishes, support and goodie boxes over the last half year. With great appreciation!

The Elles Family

♥Fellowship Hour on Sunday Mornings: Please accept our appreciation—we enjoyed the Fellowship Snacks! Thank you to those who contributed to fellowship hour this semester.

United Methodist Women  
NEWSingers  
Pierce Family  
Hanson House  
Bread Rescue Ministry

Abigail Circle  
Boy Scouts  
Girl Scouts  
Nolan Family  
Rita & Skip Myers

Chancel Choir  
Robinson & Swartz Families  
Swaddling/Warren Families  
7th Grade Confirmation Class

♥Family Promise (IHN) - Thank you to all the volunteers who prepared meals, provided an overnight stay, prepared the beds, washed the linens, emptied their trash, repacked and delivered the beds to the next designation. We had a successful week with the families who our church hosted, and appreciated the hospitality extended by all of our volunteers.

**Youth Corner!**

Submitted by Sarah Johnson/Youth Director

Looking for something to do this Summer? Join in on the fun!

- June 1 Senior Sunday! 10 AM reception in the Youth Room
- June 13-15 Youth Annual Conference at Lakeside, OH – Permission slips are on Sarah's door
- July 27-August 2 Youth Work Mission Trip to Detroit, Michigan (*Last meeting—June 29 at 10:00 AM*)
- August 17 Formal Dinner, Location TBD 7 PM.

There is also our Summer Book Club – We will meet once a month and talk about the book! Guys and girls are welcome! All meetings will begin at 6:30 PM at the Buehler home.

Dates and books:

- I am the Messenger by Markus Zusak – June 25
- Red Rain by Aubrey Hansen - July 23
- The Christ Virus by Dave Slade – August 13

You can get the book on your own (via the library or in e-book form) or Sarah can order it for you. Please let her know as soon as possible!

There are always impromptu fellowship times throughout the summer. If you would like to host something, just let Sarah know! And don't forget to join our text updates to stay in the know all summer long!

Youth, text @UMCBYouth to [440-484-3226](tel:440-484-3226) to receive updates.

Parents, text @UMCBParent to [440-484-3226](tel:440-484-3226) to receive updates as well!

**From our Missions Committee**

**Our chance to Sustain Everyday Life:  
Donate UMCOR Flood Buckets or Parts of Flood Buckets.  
Another Way to Give!**

**UMCB is collecting flood bucket items to be delivered to Annual Conference.** The deadline to help with this effort and have them delivered to Annual Conference is June 8. Place your contributions in the hall area next to the pop machine. Note: Individual pieces of the flood bucket are needed. The value of a complete Flood Bucket is \$45.

- 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid
- Bleach--two 1-quart or one 82 oz. bottle (Do not include bleach if you are shipping the bucket through the US Postal Service, UPS or FedEx)
- 5 scouring pads
- 7 pack sponges
- 1 scrub brush
- 18 cleaning towels (reusable wipes)
- Liquid laundry detergent (two 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottle)
- 1 household cleaner, 12-16 oz. bottle
- Disinfectant dish soap, 16-28 oz. bottle
- 50 clothes pins
- Clothes line (two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.)
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pair latex gloves
- 1 pair work gloves
- 24 - bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags, 33-45 gallon (remove roll from box before placing in bucket)
- 1 Insect repellent spray, 6-14 oz. Can, 1 Air freshener, 8 or 9 oz. can (If aerosol, cans must have protective caps.)

Thank you for your donations. You are helping to make a difference in people's lives. - Missions Committee

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**CROP Walk & Fun Run for HUNGER Report**

Saturday, April 26 was a beautiful day at Coe Lake and Metro Parks. Around 60 adults, youth, children, and dogs (on leashes) joined together for the first of many CROP Walks hosted by UMCB. We appreciate the support of local merchants who supplied the snacks and bottle water for the participants to enjoy after the family walk and fun run.

For a few hours and a few miles, friends and neighbors jointed together, in the words of I John 3:18....."to show love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." We appreciate all who participated in the event. Workers, runners, walkers, sponsors and volunteer staff came together to make this mission activity become a reality in our community...



We received \$1,302.58 in donations. Twenty-five percent of this will go to SCAN, our local hunger pantry. The remainder goes to Church World Service to help those in need...refugee assistance, self-help development programs, advocacy, and disaster relief. *Ending Hunger One Step at a Time!*

**Mark your 2015 calendar for April 25th.....this is the date our the next CROP Walk and Fun Run Sponsored by UMCB Mission Committee.**

Submitted by Vivien Swaddling and Bobbie DiNicola

**From our Missions Committee**

Neighborhood Lunch



April Volunteers

The next Neighborhood lunch will occur on **Sunday, June, 29th**. The sign-up sheet will be posted above the fountain in the hallway across from Deaconess Karen Caldwell's office. You can look for it there the beginning of June. We were able to serve a hot meal to approximately 32 guests at the April lunch. The meal was enjoyed very much by all of the guests. This picture shows all of the wonderful volunteers who contributed to making this lunch a success and included our own Amelia Caldwell, Bradley Smith and Tom Marek. We were blessed to have a great group from the University Circle UMC along with our church members who made preparing, serving and the cleanup all go very smoothly. Thank you to all of our church members for your donations which contributed to the success of the April lunch. Your donations and support are appreciated very much.

*Submitted by Claire Powell*



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
for Children ages 3 through  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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 PM

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

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

**The United Methodist Church of Berea**

**DAY CAMP**

**July 14-18, 2014**

**Moll Woods - Valley City, OH**

**Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday**

**Thursday Overnight**

**Friday**

**9:00 AM-4:00 PM**

**2:00 PM-Overnight**

**9:00 AM-4:00PM**

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

**Youth Assistants: \$15.00**

**Moll Woods on Grafton Road**

**about 20 minutes from UMCB**

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

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

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

**Invite a friend!**



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July 21, 22 and 23 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

## Summer Sabbath: In the Moment



Do you ever have trouble quieting your mind? Are you constantly thinking about what you have to do in the future, later today, or tomorrow, or next week? Are you missing the graces of this day by worrying about all the things you have to get done? We try to plan Summer Sabbath for you to be here in the moment for the three nights.

As you know, learning to live in the moment is an ancient spiritual practice. In our present multi-tasking and multi-managing culture we need to rediscover living in the moment. Living in the moment is indeed a great stress-reducer, and much more.



Consider Summer Sabbath as one of the choices for yourself, your family and friends. Monday and Tuesday we will offer a meal with classes to follow (child care is available for all three days). Some of the classes being offered are as follows with more detail to follow:

**Option 1:** Nature Art Monday and Tuesday evenings with Laura O'Brien. Come enhance your creative side with us. Be inspired by nature. Add some color to your yard, garden, porch, or patio as you work with decorative stones and a stone plaque. You could make these two items even as a special gift for someone. Samples will be on display Sunday, June 1. Don't hesitate to come, Laura is a wonderful art instructor. Our class is open to 10 year olds to 120 year olds!

**Option 2:** Dr. Alan Kolp on Contemplative Living: Its Appeal and Application. Life was meant to be lived in Paradise, but quickly humans found themselves living east of Eden. Too often in this land east of Eden, we find ourselves coping with busyness or boredom. An alternative way is to live contemplatively. In a two-part series, contemplative living will be presented in such a way that everyone can see its appeal and learn how to apply it to their own lives. It may not take us back to Paradise, but it is as close as we can come.

**Option 3:** Currently in the works.....stay tuned

Wednesday - July 23

Free Indoor concert 7:00-8:00 PM Fiddlin' Around at Berea Methodist

Mesh Bob Dylan and Hank Williams with four diverse Ph.D's in a setting, and what you have is the music group-Front Porch. "It's a way to make soulful music with close friends who also happen to be colleagues."

Join us for the free concert Wednesday, July 23 at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Place.



## Solo Squares + Pairs

Solos is a social square dance group that meets in Berea, Ohio. The club has been in existence since 1961 and was originally founded as a square dance club for singles. Approximately 11 years ago the club became a singles and married couples group---hence the name Solo Squares + pairs.

Our advanced group will start meeting weekly at UMCB.

Thursday evenings, starting June 5th at 7PM on the 3rd Floor (room 31).

If you are an experienced dancer contact Susan Madden at 440-234-1294 for more information. Married couples, singles and families are welcome!

Please come watch us if you have the time.



Square Dance

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**SCAN**  
**Food Pantry Needs**

**SCAN** will receive food and paper products from our church on June 1, 2014.

**Loose Change Sunday is June 8 and will go to:**

**Church Street Ministries**




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

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



**Date: June 3, 2014**  
**Time: 5:30 to 7:30 PM**

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 18th.

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