



Love God - Learn God - Live God

THE CALLER

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Sunday Worship Services

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

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OUR SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP

Love God, Learn God, Live God

During our Season of Stewardship we are re-visiting our Mission Statement, "Love God, Learn God, Live God," or *LG³* for short. And so we are asking, "How do faithful stewards of God love, learn and live God?"

Faithful stewards love God by developing a personal relationship with God. One of the best ways to do that is through prayer—daily personal prayer. If prayer is not a daily discipline for you, here are some "prayer starters:"

Father, teach me to pray, so that I may come before you with confidence. Amen.

Eternal God, help me to trust you as the source of all wisdom, and to bring you my questions, my concerns, my every thought. Amen.

Holy God, help me to be happy in hope, steadfast in trouble, and devoted to prayer. Amen.

Prayer is simply conversation with God. Set some time each day for prayer.

Faithful stewards spend their lives learning about God and his will.

This has been true from the very beginning. Acts 2:42: "The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching..." These new believers learned from Peter and the other apostles. They gathered together with one another to learn from one another.

Life is complicated, life is complex. Sometimes it's hard to decide what the right thing is to do. Learning God's will through regular Bible reading, worship, Sunday school, special study groups and fellowship within a community of believers will give you guidance as you seek out the truth.

Faithful stewards give themselves to living out God's will in the world. We do that as individuals by following the Prophet Micah's rule: "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." We do that as members of Christ's Church by giving: of our time and talents to the work of the church; of our money to sustain the church and keep its ministries strong.

In this Season of Stewardship let us re-dedicate ourselves to be faithful stewards of God by Loving God, Learning God and Living God in a world in desperate need of God.

--Rev. Skip

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Capital Funds Expenditures Update

The Capital Fund monies are used to pay for large money projects and other small projects that are not always visible to the congregation. These projects are considered permanent and not just repairs.

Capital Funds are accumulated from annual donor pledges and from gifts designated for special projects from individuals and groups within the church.

2014

Door card reader/lock security system for new addition	\$ 7,136
Viking door box for security system for new addition	\$ 818
Tool room completion	\$ 222
Elkay drinking fountain and related electrical work	\$ 2,706
Gathering Place art display hardware	\$ 242
Two Koala baby changing tables	\$ 399
Handicap bathroom remodel	\$ 8,957
Education wing girls' restrooms updated	\$ 332
<i>2014 Total Expenditures as of 10/15/2014</i>	<i>\$20,812</i>

Submitted by Trustees

Open Table Service and Discussion Opportunities All are Welcome

During the month of November the Church & Society Committee and Adult Council are sponsoring three events focusing on the church and human sexual orientation.

On Sunday, November 2nd during the Sunday School hour the Rev. Dr. Hugh Burtner will present a program on what the Bible says and does not say about those whose sexual orientation varies from traditional norms, and how the church can offer fellowship and acceptance to all of God's children.

On November 9th also during the Sunday School hour the Rev. Rollin Conway will talk about "Inclusiveness: Our Wesleyan Heritage," speaking to our church's commitment to social holiness and peacemaking.

On November 16th we will host an Open Table Service in the Chapel at 5:00 p.m. The Open Table service is a ministry of the Reconciling Ministries Network, whose mission is to extend welcome to all of God's children, regardless of sexual orientation. Dr. Burtner will share an inspirational message and Communion will be served. Following the service, there will be a time of fellowship and refreshment in the Gathering Place.

Please join us as we extend the hand of fellowship to all of God's children.



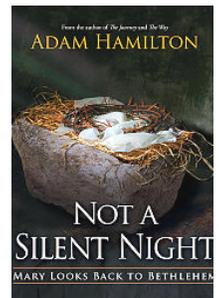
Advent Study

Advent Study: *Not a Silent Night*

Dates: December 7, 14 and 21 at 10:00AM

We will explore the meaning of Christmas through the lens of Mary. No one was closer to Jesus than Mary, and no one shaped his life more than she. Though we may have formed the impression that Mary's life was blessed, peaceful, and blissful, it was also challenging and painful.

Come and join us for three weeks as we imagine Jesus from Mary's point of view. We will use resources from Adam Hamilton who is the senior pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas.



Facilitators:

Derek Rance and Deaconess Karen Caldwell

COSROW Corner – November 2014

“Over the river and through the wood, To Grandmother’s house we go!!” those words were penned by Lydia Marie Child in 1844. She was considered the best known woman in America. However it is another woman who urged the country to establish THANKSGIVING as *a national holiday - Sarah Josepha Hale (inventor of the term “domestic science”)*. Hale was the editor of the first children’s magazine in America, *Juvenile Miscellany*, but became better known for editing Godey’s Lady’s Book. George Washington issued the first proclamation for a celebration of thanksgiving in 1789. President Lincoln helped establish the holiday in the midst of the Civil War. The Pilgrims may not have endorsed “celebrations” (such were considered not religious enough), but we can join those forefathers and mothers in being thankful.

Submitted by Jo Swanson

Church Family Prayer Concerns

Bruce Akins	Della Lofton
Florence Baker	Clint Lunt
Eileen Bell	Margaret McCready
Esther Berger	Dorothy Novak
Mary Bittinger	Tom Oakley
Fran Bobo	Barbara Scoon
Lenora Cool	Jeanette Sheneman
Bob & Donna Dial	Carol Thompson
Marlene Felts	Sarah Ulmer
Bob Ferrell	Annalee Vernon
Laurie Garvin	Dorothy Wheaton
Betty Green	Eva Williamson
Marilyn Jelinek	Ann Woollett

Our Sympathy to:

To the family and friends of Mary Letts who passed away on October 10, 2014; services were held at Ripepi & Sons on October 15th.



The family of Bob Donahue is very grateful for your caring during the weeks of his illness and passing. We have been strengthened through the prayers, visits, cards, meals and assistance with his service. You have been Jesus’ hands in our lives. Thank you, with love.

Linda Donahue & Family

Special Thank You: On Sunday, October 5th we hosted a supper and concert with the Scioto Ridge Boys in Wesley Hall. It was such a fun evening and so convenient having the supper and concert in Wesley Hall. We had approximately 90 people attend the event. We would like to thank all who prepared the food, assisted with the setup and tear down, cleaning and advertising. It was truly a special evening.

Thank you for all your calls, visits, cards and good wishes during my recent hospital and rehab days.

I was also overwhelmed by the outpouring of prayers, words of encouragement, sympathy and love that came to me and my family at the time of the loss of Linda’s beloved husband and our beloved son, brother, uncle and cousin.

I cannot adequately express the comfort your caring words and prayers meant to the entire family. It’s easy to understand why so many of my extended family and friends have commented on the friendliness and warmth of this church - it surrounded us all at a most difficult time. Your comforting words will never be forgotten.

Thank you, Barbara Donahue & Family

UMW Fall Garage Sale held October 16th and 17th..... A great big extended THANK YOU to all the volunteers who gave their time and talents to make it a success. With appreciation! Laura Sperry



Volunteers needed: We are starting a ministry producing videos of our worship services to webcast. We need volunteers to help with the recording and editing of the programs. Training will be provided. If you would like to help with this ministry, please let Rev. Skip know, or call the church office at 440-234-3525 ext. 100.



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Read & Grow Group

Monday, November 10th at 6:45 PM
in the Church Parlor. Anyone is
welcome to attend. The book we are
reviewing is:



"Please Look After Mom" by Kyung-sook Shin.
This is a mystery of one mother that reveals itself to
be the mystery of all our mothers: about her triumphs
and disappointments and about who she is on her
own terms., separate from who she is to her family.

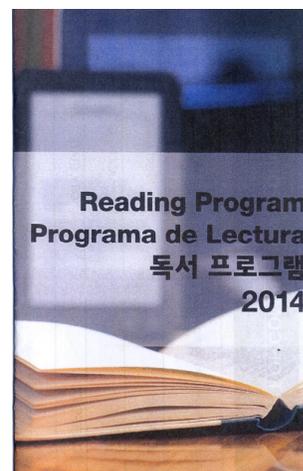
The next meeting is December 8.

Book title is: *"Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake"* by
Anna Quindlen.

Library News at UMCB - UMW Reading Program

You would enjoy participating in
the UMW reading program!!
You can find the brochures on the
UMW shelf in the library. Please
remember to turn in your book list
to Betsy Meikle by December 31.
You can leave your completed
form in the UMW mail slot in the
office hallway.

Submitted by Betsy Meikle



Happy 100th Birthday!



Please join us in celebrating Don Williams' 100th Birthday!

**There will be an open house in The Gathering Place on
Saturday, November 22, 2014
Time: 2PM - 4PM**

Please, *no gifts*, just good wishes!

A Reflection of the 2014 Youth Work Mission Trip

In spite of the articles, books, and reports of the devastation of urban blight, and descriptions of it looking "war torn", Detroit is not a ghost town or apocalyptic wasteland, but is filled with spirited people who have not given up on their communities and their civility. There is plenty of work to do, and the people who live there neither take for granted the out-of-towners who come in to help, nor are they waiting for others to do the work for them. The organizations the youth work mission partnered with this summer are home-grown out of a pride and a vision that their neighborhoods can renew themselves. Though much work remains, the mission was a success. We metaphorically broke down some walls and planted some seeds. We left word with Detroit that we have not written them off, that the words of Jesus brought us together, and they are our neighbors and we love them as ourselves.



While I expected the enthusiasm that I saw, I am pleased by the maturity and grace demonstrated by the youth of this mission trip. At a time in their lives when they have a lot going on, silliness and fun times to enjoy, and burdens of their own to carry, they took time to come out of their comfort zone and do good works in a strange land that turned out not to be so strange. Each of them in their own way, using their unique gifts, grew and were role models. You, their parents, mentors, and church family can be well pleased how they demonstrated Christian outreach in the communities in which they walked the talk.

Submitted by Jim Rollins

Our church staff value and cherish every opportunity to greet and talk with our members and friends. But remember that they have many duties of their own to perform. When you "just stop by to say hello," please limit your visits to just a few minutes, so that they are able to quickly return to the tasks that are before them.

Thanks, Rev. Skip

Events Calendar November 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:00 BW Big Cleanup 3:00 ALL SAINTS TEA, Par 9am-8pm GS Spag. Dinner, FH, GP
2 All Saints Sunday 8:00 Worship, Chap 9:00 arise! , Sanc 9:15 Adult Study, WH 10:00 Sunday School 11:15 Worship, Sanc 4:30 GS, 25 6:30 BS, FH	3 11:00 S Spouse, Par 5:00 GS, 27,22 6:30 SWCC, Sanc 7:30 Volleyball, WH	4 9:00 Librarians, Lib 9:00 Quilters, GP 9:15 Prayer, Sac 10:00 STAFF, 12 5:30 GS, 27,23 6:30 AA, WP 6:30 Trustees, GP 7:00 Cubs, 22,25	5 10-2 Han Hse, FH 12:00 WIGS, Lib 6-8 BIBLE BBall, WH 6:40 Wm Bible, 37 7:00 AA, Chap 7:00 GS, 25 7:00 Bells, Sanc	6 5:00 GS, 27,23,25 6:30 BS Dist, FH 7:00 NEWSingers, Chapel 7:00 Chancel Ch, Sanc 7:30 AA, 27	7 6:00 Wedding Rehearsal 8:30 AA, 27	8 10:30 UMW Bd, GP 4:00 Bosl Wedding Sanc, Par, Sac
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30 Advent begins 8:00 Worship, Chap 9:00 arise! , Sanc 10:00 Sunday School 11:15 Worship, Sanc 3:00 Advent Fest, FH, GP 4:30 GS, 25 6:30 BS, 31-32	Key to Abbreviations SANC.....Sanctuary CHAP.....Chapel GP.....Gathering Place LIB.....Library LPS.....Lead Pastor's Study PAR.....Parlor SAC.....Sacristy FH.....Fellowship Hall KIT.....Kitchen WH.....Wesley Hall WP.....Wesley Parlor ON.....Ovenight OS.....Off Site	Church Office Hours: 9am - 4pm Monday-Friday Phone: (440) 234-3525 Fax: (440) 234-3078 Staff Phone Extensions: Church Office/Irene Petras, 100 Pastor Skip Myers, 101 Sarah Dave, 102 Jeremy Piper, 102 Joanne Mansfield, 103 Vivien Swaddling, 104 Karen Caldwell, 105	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <tr> <th colspan="7">December 2014</th> </tr> <tr> <th>S</th> <th>M</th> <th>T</th> <th>W</th> <th>T</th> <th>F</th> <th>S</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> <td>5</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7</td> <td>8</td> <td>9</td> <td>10</td> <td>11</td> <td>12</td> <td>13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14</td> <td>15</td> <td>16</td> <td>17</td> <td>18</td> <td>19</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21</td> <td>22</td> <td>23</td> <td>24</td> <td>25</td> <td>26</td> <td>27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28</td> <td>29</td> <td>30</td> <td>31</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	December 2014							S	M	T	W	T	F	S		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31			
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WE INVITE ALL WOMEN TO JOIN UMW Berea to ...

Make a Difference in the World

The mission of United Methodist Women is to foster spiritual growth, develop leaders and advocate for justice. We are the world's largest denominational faith organization for women with approximately 800,000 members and growing. Imagine that!

FALL PROGRAMS:

November 14 & 15 **FALL HARVEST EVENT** benefitting Mission Projects



Craft Show, the 14th, 3:00 PM-8:00 PM; the 15th, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
Swiss Steak Dinner Friday, November 14th from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM
\$10.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for Children 5-12, Free for children under 5
Silent Auction on 11/14 and 11/15 - Tasty Treat Café on 11/15 only

UPCOMING IN 2015 MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

- January 11 UMW Sunday & Church Wide Potluck w/Speaker Rosalyn Barnhill the VP of UMW Conference Team. Rosalyn will be speaking on the music of faith.
- February 14 Valentine Luncheon Program by Lake Erie Science Center w/live animals. Bring your children and grandchildren....all ages will enjoy this program.
- March 22 Fish Dinner - following the 11:15 service in Fellowship Hall
- April 16-17 Spring Garage Sale
- May 16 Salad Luncheon Program - Consortium Musica

Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can,
At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can. -John Wesley



United
Methodist
Women

Gift Cards are available to purchase from the
United Methodist Women of Berea (UMW).

This is an ongoing fund raiser for UMW. There are over 80 merchants to pick from which make your gift buying for birthdays and holidays a perfect gift idea. Please contact Marilyn Smith at 440-243-4165.



Blank order forms (printed on pink paper) are available on the bulletin board in the hallway by the kitchenette.



Advent

The Worship Committee is seeking families to light the Advent Wreath at the 11:15 AM Services throughout Advent (Nov. 30, Dec. 7,14,21) as well as all services held on Christmas Eve. We are looking for all types of families - traditional as well as non-traditional (maybe one parent and child or children, couples with no children, etc). If interested, please contact Mary Hanes at 440-537-4455 or via email at mkhanes@juno.com.



Food Pantry Needs

SCAN holiday food collection Sundays are November 2 and December 7. The number of persons coming to SCAN in

need of food is increasing every month. As the holidays approach, SCAN workers are asking for these special donations: cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, instant mashed potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, envelopes of chicken or turkey gravy mix (no glass jars of gravy) cake mix, ready to spread frosting, and pumpkin pie filling mix (with spices, not just plain pumpkin). Of course the usual needs of cereal, canned fruit, and paper products also remain. For the next few weeks, every time you do your grocery shopping, why not pick up an extra item or two and set it aside for SCAN Sunday. Generous donations from each of us will go a long way in giving other people a happier Thanksgiving and Christmas. Isn't that what being a Christian is all about?

Submitted by Marilyn Foster

Adult Coed Volleyball

Monday evenings from 7:30-9:00 PM
4 Weeks: November 3, 10, 17 & 24th
Location: Wesley Hall



We will play for fun!
Bring a friend.
No competition!

Please contact Mark Williams for any questions at 440-891-0129.

I am very proud to announce that Captain Eric Elles, USAF, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in a combat zone during his recent tour of duty in Afghanistan. Eric was honored with an official presentation ceremony the end of September at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, OH.

Brad Elles



**University Circle United Methodist Church /
United Methodist Church of Berea
Neighborhood Lunch schedule**

Future Luncheon dates



**December 28, 2014,
April 26, February 22, June 28**

Thank you for your continued support of this mission project. It is greatly appreciated by all the guests and volunteers from both churches. A new sign up will be posted at the beginning of each month of our participation.

Claire Powell

2014 Thanksgiving Dinner

If the thought of preparing a Thanksgiving feast is daunting... you can come and share Thanksgiving Dinner with your church family! Please feel free to also bring extended family and those you know who might be alone on Thanksgiving.



We will gather for dinner at 2:00 PM on Thursday, November 27 in the Fellowship Hall.

Doors will open early to set tables, play games, check out the great appetizers, and fellowship with others. You are more than welcome to bring your favorite board game.

Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, and gravy will be served. You can also bring your favorite side dish to share. If you are able to attend, please sign up on the board by the red doors. Reservations are not necessary, but will be helpful in meal planning.

If you have an extra Thanksgiving bird and don't know what to do with it, we would appreciate the donation of that turkey, which we will prepare and serve at the feast.

Remember to bring your container to take home leftovers!

If you have any questions please call:
Karen Caldwell (daytime: 440-234-3525 x.105) or
Dee Bosl (evening: 216-990-3936)

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***Loose Change Sunday is
November 9 and will go to:***



Food Pantry Needs

SCAN will receive food and paper products from our church on November 2.

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

