



# THE CALLER

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## Sunday Worship Services

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

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Tilden Wells taught music history at Ohio Wesleyan University when I was a student there. He liked to tell stories. One of them was about the composers Haydn and Mozart. The two of them were friends. One day Mozart challenged Haydn to a musical duel of sorts. Each would compose a difficult piano piece—as hard as he could make it—and then see if the other could play it.

The day came for the contest. Haydn produced his piece and Mozart sight-read it flawlessly. Mozart then produced his piece, and Haydn also played flawlessly, until he came to the last chord. The chord had several notes at the extreme left end of the keyboard; several at the extreme right end of the keyboard, and one note smack-dab in the middle of the keyboard.

“Nobody can play that,” Haydn protested. “That’s impossible!”

“No it isn’t,” said Mozart, and promptly played it with his left hand, his right hand, and for the note in the middle—his nose! It was a unique solution for a seemingly impossible problem.

Once there was a man who looked out on his world and saw it confronted by an impossible problem: Everyone agreed that the best thing to do was to live life as happily as possible, and so everybody looked for ways to make themselves happy. But the more they looked for their own happiness, the less happy they became.

And so the man suggested a radical idea: Instead of spending all of their time trying to make themselves happy, he said, people should try to please God and do all they could to make other people happy. “Do that,” he said, “and you’ll find your own best happiness.”

And everybody said, “You’re crazy! That’s impossible! As impossible as a man trying to play the piano with his nose.” And so they killed him.

But God raised the man to life once again, and his way of life lives on. He still challenges us to stop selfishly seeking only our own happiness, and instead to start living life with selfless love.

Who knows? Maybe he was right after all.

*“But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness;  
and all these things shall be added unto you.” Matthew 6:33, KJV*

*Rev. Skip Myers*

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## COMMITTEE OF 8 PLUS REPORT

At the September, 2013 Church Council meeting, the Committee of 8 Plus requested permission to pursue completing and funding projects in our new addition and Wesley Hall. Permission was granted.

As of January 30, 2015, the following items have been completed and funded:

### NEW BUILDING

#### Wesley Hall

- Additional Outlets were activated.
- Lighting controls were expanded to provide better lighting control. This is for anticipation of the **arise!** service moving to Wesley Hall at Easter and Dinner/Dance event. (Trustees funded this project)
- In the storage closet of Wesley Hall, two 4'x4' ventilator grills have been ordered for the storage area to provide air returns for the HVAC system. Two (2) four foot double doors (existing from previous construction) have been partially installed. It will be possible to lock the doors when the project is completed.
- Volunteers have been taping; affixing corner mold; applying drywall; and joint compound to an area of the Wesley Hall North wall. This will be used as a projection screen as part of the **arise!** service projected to be used on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015.
- Hardware acquired and an existing door installed in West storage room in Wesley Hall.

#### West Parlor Room

- Cove lighting, ceramic floor, marble window sills, new door with 5"x24" window and HVAC deflectors were installed. Walls and ceiling were dry-walled, taped, finished and painted; electrical work including light controls and wiring for large screen TV were finished.
- Trustees provided funds for window coverings.
- NEED: Four (4) formal 24" hanging lights.

#### Vestibule

- A vestibule was created at the front door. Walls and ceiling were finished and painted. Electrical outlets were activated and a new outlet inside the inner doors. The double inner doors were from a previous project. .
- NEED: A formal light for the new vestibule.

#### Closet

- A closet (next to the vestibule) was created for glycol tanks (used for heating fluid.) The tank closet was dry-walled, fire taped, and painted, including the floor. A new 48" door was purchased for the glycol closet and light installed.

#### Front Light

- A new hanging light was purchased and installed.

#### Tool Room (north/south hallway - north end)

- Dry-walled, ceiling fire taped, hooks, and shelves installed.

#### Custodian's Room (east/west hallway near alley)

- Dry-walled, taped, and painted including the floor.

#### Hallways

- East/West and North/South hall lighting was separated with individual switches.
- East/West main hall lighting was replaced with 6 drop-in 2 light T8 florescent fixtures. Three of the existing fixtures were retained for safety lighting.
- Installed heat exchanger to provide heat to the west parlor and hallways.

#### Unisex Bathroom

- Dry-walled, taped, painted, ceramic floor tile, vanity, changing table, and handicap rails have been installed.

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## COMMITTEE OF 8 PLUS REPORT - CONTINUED

### 1960 BUILDING

#### Kitchen

- Air conditioning system and ventilation. (Funded by Phase 2 Building Construction)

#### Existing Handicap Bathroom (between Rooms 11 and 12)

- Was enlarged to accommodate wheelchair and aide. Dry-walled, taped, painted, new flooring, changing table. It has been renamed as "Handicap/Family Bathroom." (Phase 1 Building Construction and was funded by the Trustees.)

#### Handicap Door Openers

- Openers have been installed at both Seminary Street inside doors. (Funded by Trustees)

All these items have been funded by Church Member designated gifts unless otherwise designated.

These projects were accomplished with the cooperation of Trustees, Church Staff, and Volunteers.

Committee of 8 Plus Members: Molly Arthur, JoAnn Boggs, Chuck Dixon, Jan Harlamert, Paul Harlamert, Roy Mallarnee, Skip Myers, Bill Pierce, Jack Saylor, Vivien Swaddling, Boyd Warnsman, Judy Warnsman

Please contact Jack Saylor 941-474-2489 (in Florida) or Jan Harlamert 440 243-7126, Co-chairpersons, if you have any questions about these projects.

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### IDEAS FOR PARENTS FROM CHILDREN'S COUNCIL

**E is for Empathy:** Empathy is a person's ability to identify and feel another's concerns. Parents can help to develop this important virtue in many ways.

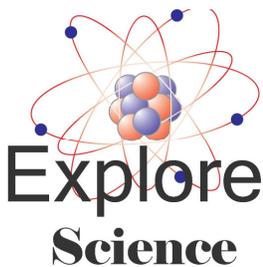
1. Let your child know how pleased you feel when he or she behaves in a kind way.
2. Point out positive differences made when children do kinds acts, no matter how small.
3. When reading with your child, ask how people in the books feel in their situations.
4. Help your child identify how someone feels and then identify a way to help.



Children's Ministry

**F is for Failure:** Did you know that Abraham Lincoln weathered many failures before he became president? When a child experiences failure on a test, the ball field, or any where else....

1. Acknowledge the child's feelings of frustration and disappointment, tell them those are natural feelings.
2. Don't try to minimize the situation because it does matter to your child.
3. Help you child evaluate the cause for failure and use what he or she has learned to create a new strategy and try, try again.



When: March 21, 2015 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM

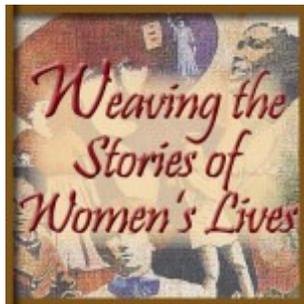
Where: Wesley Hall of The United Methodist Church of Berea

Do your children naturally have a curiosity for the world around them? Are they wondering why things function the way they do? Join the woman of Phi Mu Fraternity and the members of American Chemistry Society for a day filled of exploring science. Multiple hands-on stations will be set up for children at least four years of age to experience the captivating wonder of science and walk away with a better understanding of the world around them. Additionally, every forty-five minutes, a live show will be performed. The

Fraternity, co-sponsored with ACS, supports Children's Miracle Network Hospital and will be donating all of the proceeds to our local Rainbow Babies division in Cleveland. The cost of the event will be \$5.00 per child. Adults will be free to attend. Don't miss the potential for your child to create their own ice cream, design their own star constellation, pet a snake, learn about gravity, watch how science can mix clear substances to create the rainbow and so much more!.

**COSROW Corner – March 2015**

**35th Anniversary Celebration**



March was named:  
“*Women in History*” month  
35 years ago through the efforts of a  
handful of dedicated women. (I have  
tried to keep the spirit going for al-  
most that long.)  
The organization has more books,  
pictures, and information than one  
can absorb.

Log on to: [www.nwhp.org](http://www.nwhp.org)

*Submitted by Jo Swanson*

***Church Family Prayer Concerns***

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|------------------|-------------------|
| Bruce Akins      | Betty Green       |
| Florence Baker   | Marilyn Jelinek   |
| Eileen Bell      | Della Lofton      |
| Ann Benson       | Clint Lunt        |
| Esther Berger    | Margaret McCreedy |
| Mary Bittinger   | Clare Murphy      |
| Fran Bobo        | Dorothy Novak     |
| Lenora Cool      | Tom Oakley        |
| Bob & Donna Dial | Russ Sanderson    |
| Barbara Donahue  | Jeanette Sheneman |
| Marlene Felts    | Sarah Ulmer       |
| Bob Ferrell      | Dorothy Wheaton   |
| Carol Foster     | Eva Williamson    |
| Laurie Garvin    |                   |

**Our Sympathies to:**

- The Girls Family on the death of Grace Girls on January 14.
- The LeBrun Family on the death of Edward LeBrun, father of Dave LeBurn, on January 23.
- The Donegam Family on the death of Vernon Donegan on January 24.
- Esther O’Hearn on the death of her brother, Claude Sheppard Jr., on January 27.
- Jodi Elioff on the death of her step-father, Richard Krivacek, on February 7.
- The Thasho Family on the death of Leonard Thasho on February 7.
- Maggie Wiemels on the death of her brother, Jerry Wiemels, on February 20.



Thank you for your phone calls, cards, and kind words that were received after the death of my brother, Claude Sheppard. They were truly needed and appreciated. Esther and Ken O’Hearn

Even with the bad weather, a great time was had by all that attended the Swing City Dinner and Dance on February 14th. Many hands were involved in making the night wonderful. All of our cooks, Maggie Wiemels, Carol Kappeler, Verlaine Anderson, Nancy & Bill Donahue, Terry Macha, Lin and Dean Rowland, Peter & Dave LeBrun ; our dishwashers Melisa Lash, Shaylyn, Natalie, Kayla, Mia, Abby, Ali, Aubree; our work mission crew who served; Jim Rollins for your support; Janet Mallarnee for sitting services, Mark Williams and Eddie for your help tearing down; The Single Volunteers for set up; Jim Cobler our wonderful custodian; Karen, Irene and Joanne for all of your time and support; and all of those who braved the weather to come out and celebrate. Without your support this would not have happened. Again thank you for all of your support!  
Dee Bosl – Chair of Inviting Ministries

Thank you for the cookies donated to USO. There were too many to count. The cookies were taken to the MEPS (Military Entrance processing Station) on Emerald Parkway. Men and women entering the military and their families who are with them as they are processed and leaving for Basic Training enjoy the cookies.

Our Lenten Showcase has been decorated with a variety of beautiful crosses. We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to Cass Beckman for decorating the showcase.

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## Something New



Friday Noon Concert at 12:00 PM  
in the Sanctuary at The United Methodist Church of Berea

- The second concert of our new series will be Friday, March 6th at 12:00 with the **Beech Street Brass**, five music majors from the Baldwin Wallace Conservatory. They hail from around the country including Ohio, Pennsylvania and Kansas, and will present a varied program of music composed and arranged for brass quintet. The members are: Isaac Hopkins and Julissa Shinsky, trumpet; Cory Vetovitz, horn; Julia Dennis, trombone; and Nathan Shook, tuba. There is no charge for the concert – a free-will offering will be accepted for the performers. A soup and sandwich lunch follows the program in the Gathering Place. This is an opportunity for our congregation and community to support these young musicians. Plan to attend and to bring guests.
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- The third noon concert will be Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our organist, **Barbara MacGregor**, will play a quiet program of organ music for Good Friday meditation. All are invited to listen, reflect and pray in the beauty of our Sanctuary. A light lunch will be served in the Gathering Place following the program. The concert is free and everyone is invited. Dr. MacGregor is Professor Emerita of Music at The University of Akron. She joined the UMCB staff last September as our organist for the 11:15 AM service and continues to be active as an organ recitalist and clinician in Ohio and in other areas of the United States.

## 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!

### Spring PROGRAMS:

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| March 22    | Fish Dinner - in Fellowship Hall following the 11:15 service |
| April 16-17 | Spring Garage Sale   |
| April 25    | Crop Walk - Coe Lake   |
| May 7-10    | Plant Sale - in Fellowship Hall                              |
| 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**

Please join the Parma-Southwest District of Greater Cleveland Church Women United for **World Day of Prayer** celebration, Friday, March 6, at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 9549 Highland Drive, Brecksville, OH.

Continental Breakfast at 9:30 AM, Program 10:00 AM, Donation \$3.

This is a celebration held in 107 countries and regions the first Friday of every March.

This year's program was developed by the women of the Bahamas and is based on John 13:1-7.

For more information, call Carol Kappeler, [440-234-5985](tel:440-234-5985)

All Proceeds Benefit UMCB

**Sunday Lunch  
March 22**

**Baked Fish or...  
Mac 'n Cheese**

Rice Pilaf, Cole Slaw,  
Dessert & Drink

\$11 Adults  
\$6 Children 5-12  
Children Under 5 Free



**Sit Down 12:15 - 1:30  
Take Outs 11:00 - 1:30**

Sponsored by UMW

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

The Spirit of Community Banquet was held on January 20, 2015. Each year individuals and organizations are named to receive the Spirit of Community Award for exceptional service. This year we are proud to announce that two of our own members received this award: Joann Boggs for Hanson House, which provides support to patients and family members of those dealing with traumatic brain injury; and Lori Hanson, founder and manager of the Berea Community Learning Farm.



We are starting a new session of Bible Basketball on Wednesday evenings.  
Begins: January 28 through March 25, 2015  
Time: 6:30 PM in Wesley Hall

Warm Up With Us On  
Souper Sunday

**WHEN:** Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**WHAT:** Homemade Soup Sale

**PRICES:** PER QUART (To be paid at pick up)

**Chicken Noodle \$8.00  
Stuffed Pepper \$8.00  
French Onion \$8.00**

**"CHEFS":** Women of Faith Ladies

**ORDER BY: Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Orders may be:

- Placed in the box by Karen Caldwell's office **OR**
- Phoned in to Linda Donahue 440-625-0356 **OR**
- E-mailed to: [onlineorders170@gmail.com](mailto:onlineorders170@gmail.com)

**PICK UP: Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

9:00 am – 12:30 pm—Fellowship Hall

(\*Proceeds to benefit the contemporary worship service.)

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

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

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Soups:	Prices:	Quantity
Chicken Noodle	\$8.00	
Stuffed Pepper	\$8.00	
French Onion	\$8.00	



**WALK-N-TALK**

Starts on Monday, March 2nd through Friday, March 27th

Monday thru Friday 8:30 am to 11:30 am

Tues-Wednesday-Thursday 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Location: Wesley Hall of the United Methodist Church of Berea  
Sponsored by the Missions Committee

**Read & Grow Group**

Monday, March 9, 2015.  
Anyone is welcome to attend.



The book is "Olive Kitteridge" by Elizabeth Strout. Olive Kitteridge, a retired school teacher, deplors the changes in her little town of Crosby, Maine and in the world at large. As the townspeople grapple with their problems, mild and dire, Olive is brought to a deeper understanding of herself and her life - sometimes painfully, but always with ruthless honesty.

The next meeting is on April 13, 2015 and the book is "Songs of Willow Frost" by Jamie Ford. Set against the backdrop of depression-era Seattle, it is a powerful tale of two souls, a boy with dreams for his future and a woman escaping her haunted past, both seeking love, hope, and forgiveness.



**Homebuilders SUNDAY SCHOOL  
ALL ARE WELCOME  
10:00AM IN THE PARLOR**

February 22 through March 22

Dr. Hugh Burtner will lead discussions under the heading: "Reflections and Responses to three Religious Challenges: 1965-2015.



SCAN is making a special request for pancake syrup. They do NOT need the pancake mix. They have plenty of pancake mix from the Food Bank, but

they are unable to get syrup to go with it. Both regular and sugar free are needed. Also needed are canned fruit and vegetables and paper products. Donations to the church can be received on or before the first Sunday of each month.

Mark your calendars for March 1 and April 12th (\* a week later due to Easter).

Thank you all for your generosity.

**Youth News!**

Don't forget about Sunday FUN Day on Sunday, March 1st from 11:30 AM - 1 PM in the Youth Room OR the Work Mission Meeting on March 8th from 11:30 AM- 1:00 PM in the Youth Room!

1st Meeting of the new Middle School group, Oganys, will be Wednesday, March 4 at 7:00 PM in the Youth Room! We're going to be talking about faith, have fun, and eat food! What more could you want!?

Senior High's small group, Synago, is meeting every Monday night from 7:30-9:00 PM at the Wolcott home.

Ladies, don't forget to mark your calendar for GOLDEN Girls on Friday, March 20! There's no school in the Berea school district, so let's have a Pajama Party! We will be meeting at UMCB from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM to hang out, talk about girl stuff, paint our nails, and hear from a really awesome speaker! Feel free to invite friends, but please let Sarah know if you're coming by Wednesday, March 18. This is event is FREE to attend!

Love the movie trilogy, "Divergent"! Join us for a Movie Matinee on Sunday, March 22! Time TBD.

We are looking for a service project to complete - any ideas? Please email Sarah at [sdave@umcb.org](mailto:sdave@umcb.org)!

\*NEW\* Check out our new youth website for up to date information and to download any permission slips or forms: [www.umcb youth.weebly.com](http://www.umcb youth.weebly.com)



Financial Peace University is coming to UMCB.

Are you ready to learn how to get your financial house in order? Join us as we explore Dave Ramsey's extensive study on gaining financial peace in your life. It's easy to do using "Dave's Baby Steps". This is a 9 week course beginning on Saturday March 21 through May 16 from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Facilitated by Terry Kurtz

Dave Ramsey's FPU is based on sound biblical principles on which to gain financial security while still following God's plan. The cost for this program is \$93.00 which covers materials. The cost is well worth it! If interested, please contact Deaconess Karen Caldwell so that we may know how many kits to order. Still unsure? Come and see what it's all about! Financial assistance is available, contact Karen for information. Childcare is also available.

Sponsored by Adult Council

The NewSingers

20<sup>th</sup> Annual Concert and Pie Festival

God Speaking



Sunday, March 15, 2015

4 p.m.

The United Methodist Church of Berea  
170 Seminary Street, Berea

*There is no charge for this event*  
*A free will offering will be taken for the meal.*



Planning for a Happy Safe Future!  
Supplemental Senior Care at Home

When: March 22 at 3:00 PM in the Parlor

Speaker: Carolyn Williams

Carolyn Williams is an active member of The United Methodist Church of Berea, and works for an organization called Always Best Care. Carolyn will talk about the types of supplemental care that are available for seniors who wish to remain in their homes.

If you plan to attend please call  
Deaconess Karen Caldwell at  
440-234-3525 ext. 105 or email at  
kcaldwell@umcb.org.



Adult Coed Volleyball



Monday evenings from 7:30-9:00 PM  
Location: Wesley Hall

Lets try and keep the momentum going  
through the month of March.

We will play for fun! Bring a friend.

No competition!

Sunday, March 29, 2015  
Palm Sunday

# Hosanna Festival

FUN for the whole family

Bring paper products for  
Berea Welfare & SCAN.

CRAFTS  
GAMES  
ACTIVITIES

HUGE EGG HUNT

POTLUCK DINNER at 6:00  
Bring your place setting and a  
dish to share. Hot Dogs &  
beverages will be provided.

sponsored by Children's Council

**THE HEALTHY CHURCH INITIATIVE**

Our church is participating in an East Ohio Conference program called the Healthy Church Initiative. Beginning last January, Rev. Skip has been meeting with several other ministers in a series of workshops designed to help local churches become more inviting to a new generation.

In April we will start monthly meetings where we will talk about some of the strategies other churches are using to renew and to reach out to people.

Next fall we will have a Healthy Church Initiative Weekend, when members of the conference HCI team will meet with us to interview members of our staff and a number of lay leaders. They will then make up to five recommendations to help us become more effective in our outreach.

In the weeks that follow, we will hold several congregational "town meetings" to discuss the team's findings and then hold a Church Conference to vote on their recommendations.

If we accept their findings, we will be assigned facilitators who will work with us over the next year or so, to help implement their recommendations.

This is an exciting project that will help us become more responsive to our changing society.

Submitted by Rev. Skip Myers

**Easter Flower Order Form**

**Deadline to Order: March 16, 2015**

*(Payment must accompany order)*



	<u>Price</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Lily (White)	\$ 7.50	_____
Daffodils (Yellow)	\$ 7.50	_____
Blue Hydrangea	\$12.25	_____
Gideon Bible	\$ 5.00	_____

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(as you want it printed in the bulletin insert)

YOUR PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(in case we have questions)

In MEMORY of: \_\_\_\_\_

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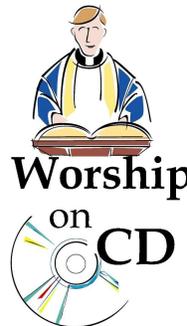
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In HONOR of: \_\_\_\_\_

Will Pick Up: \_\_\_\_\_ Deliver to a Shut-in \_\_\_\_\_

If to be delivered to shut-ins and you are ordering more than one plant, please indicate how many are to be delivered.  
*All plants are to be picked up AFTER the 11:15 a.m. service.*

**PAID ORDERS MUST BE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY MARCH 16, 2015**



**We now have our worship services recorded on CD!**

**Thanks to Marlynda Dziak for providing this service every Sunday. The CD's are stored in the church library.**

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This issue of the Caller was mailed on February 25, 2015.

Daylight Saving Time  
Begins on March 8th



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



SCAN will receive food  
and paper products  
from our church  
on March 1, 2015.

March 8th is loose coin Sunday.  
The offering collected will go  
directly to:  
**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**



**Save the date:  
April 25, 2015**

Crop Walk for Hunger  
(and fun run)



Details and registration forms are available on the  
website: [www.umcb.org](http://www.umcb.org) (under the events tab)