



THE CALLER

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HE Lives! HE Lives! Christ Jesus lives today!

I know it is Easter when I hear this great gospel hymn. We Christians celebrate a time of change and renewal every year. No other event has impacted the world as much as the resurrection of Jesus Christ. How did 12 peasant fishermen, tax collectors, farmers – 12 followers of Jesus – multiply to become one out of every three people on the planet? The resurrection of Jesus changed everything!

Jesus never wrote a book, composed a hymn, painted or sculpted anything, yet he left a mark on humanity that reaches into every nook and cranny in the world. He didn't do that by following the normal conventions of the church of the time; instead he taught us that the church is within us and we take it wherever we go. Where two or more are gathered, he is with us!

Before his death, Jesus had promised eternal life to those who followed him. Had the story ended at his death, Jesus would have been no more than a religious figure with a finite life span. But Jesus rose from the grave, showing the world he has conquered death, and only through him can people have hope for eternal life.

Easter is a time of rebirth and change. What better time to enter into change than on Easter Sunday. The *arise* service will move into Wesley Hall on Easter Sunday. We are excited to embrace the change and rejoice in the gifts Jesus gave us!

Change is never easy, and for Jesus to make a change, he died for us. He gave the ultimate gift for us. We need to remember his sacrifice and rejoice in the ultimate love and grace that he gave all of us. Jesus not only died for us, he rose again. He rose and showed us that he could change the conventional way of thinking. He died and lives again. No matter what service you join on Easter Sunday remember is it about thanking Jesus for all he has done and sharing with everyone the love and grace of his gifts!

Dee Bosl
Inviting Ministries Chair



March 29 Palm Sunday

Preaching from John 12:12-19
"The Triumphal Entry"

8:00 AM Chapel 9:00 AM arise!
11:15 AM Traditional

April 2 Maundy Thursday

Preaching from Luke 23:44-46

7:30 PM Sanctuary with Communion

April 3 Good Friday

Music for Quiet Reflection

Dr. Barbara MacGregor, Organ

Noon Sanctuary

Evening Service

Led by the Youth

7:30 PM Sanctuary

April 5 Easter Sunday

Preaching from Mark 16:1-8
"It Ain't Over 'Til It's Over"

8:00 AM Chapel 9:00 AM arise!
11:15 AM Traditional

Good Friday - April 3rd
Join us at noon for a concert in the sanctuary.

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.



Bach Festival Events held at The United Methodist Church of Berea



Saturday, April 18 at 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Bach Festival Organ Recital: **Edoardo Maria Bellotti**,
Eastman School of Music organ faculty.

(this is a ticketed event)

Tickets: \$36 - \$52 Students \$10

bachfest@bw.edu/tickets or [440-826-8070](tel:440-826-8070)

Join us on Sunday, April 19 at the 11:15 Bach Worship Service

Cantata "Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland" – J. S. Bach

Baldwin Wallace Singers
Marc Weagraff, conductor
Barbara MacGregor, organ

The Healthy Church Initiative (HCI)
at the United Methodist Church of Berea

In April, we are beginning the active phase of our Healthy Church Initiative program with a series of seven congregational workshops using Bishop Schnase's book, *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* as a resource.

They are open to anyone who is willing and able to commit to attending all seven. With a couple of exceptions, the workshops will be held on the fourth Monday of each month; they will last from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

The schedule: April 27th, June 1st, June 29th, July 27th,
August 24th, September 21st, and October 26th.

Our HCI Weekend, when Conference facilitators will be with us, will be Sept. 25th-27th.

If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office at 440-234-3525 x.100 or email ipetras@umcb.org.



THE WESLEY HALL CLOSET DOORS AND RETURN GRILLS ARE INSTALLED.

In 2013, the Committee of 8 Plus decided that the doors for the two storage closets in Wesley Hall could be completed with three leftover doors (from an earlier construction project) that we had in storage.

In 2014, the hardware for the three doors was purchased and the single door was installed.

A problem related to the HVAC system in Wesley Hall required that the return air grills detailed in the architect drawings were required to be installed before the doors could be installed.

The money was raised with several generous donations to purchase the return air grills. In early 2015, the installation of the two closet doors and the HVAC return air grills commenced. The project has been finished except for a lock for the double doors.

Thanks to all the people and groups who contributed money for the project and the volunteer workers.

Committee of 8 Plus



HABITAT for HUMANITY - APOSTLES' BUILD PROJECT

The United Methodist Church of Berea will join together with 11 other churches to work in the Stockyards neighborhood. This area is a working class neighborhood on the Near West Side of Cleveland. We will be located at 3507 and 3566 W. 50th Street. Later in 2015 two additional houses will be in rehab on W.52nd Street. We will also facilitate two community clean-up and home improvement days this summer. As a direct result of these efforts, this neighborhood is really going to look and feel different!

The first APOSTLES BUILD liaison meeting is scheduled for early April so we can meet our partner church leaders and receive an overview of the project and the Partner Families. All churches will share their fund raising ideas. We will discuss what a typical construction day looks like, and how to prepare for it.

Scheduling of volunteers from UMCB started on March 16. There are multiple opportunities in May –August to volunteer on the two houses. The actual work will begin on May 7. Volunteers are also needed to make snacks and bag lunches.

The three dates for our UMCB team are: Thursday May 21, Saturday May 30, and Saturday July 25. We will car pool from the church to the work site. Volunteers will receive an informational letter with all the details.

We ask our entire congregation to be in prayer for this project.
Contact Missions Staff Rep- Vivien Swaddling (440-935-3516) or
Missions Chairperson-Bobbi DiNicola (440-243-5102) for additional information or [to volunteer!](#)

What is the Neighborhood Luncheon?

The neighborhood luncheon is a partnership between our church and the University Circle United Methodist Church located at 1919 East 107th street, where Dr. Kenneth Chalker is the senior pastor. The Neighborhood Lunch Program has been an ongoing partnership between our churches for the past 15+ years, and started when the church was known as Epworth - Euclid United Methodist Church. The purpose of the neighborhood luncheon is to provide a substantial meal on the last Sunday of each month to any community resident in need. As we continue to work with the University Circle United Methodist Church we are always thankful for the contributions made to this effort by our church members who help us coordinate the donations from UCUM and UMCB that make these meals a success.

Thank you again for your support and willingness to volunteer. Look for the sign up sheet in April and June in the hallway across from Room 12, near the drinking fountain.

April 26 is our Sunday

Claire Powell / Coordinator

Spring Flings DANCE
MAY 8, 2015
WESLEY HALL
6:30-9:00 PM
Celebrate our great year!

All CHILDREN'S and YOUTH* Sunday School classes are invited to attend. An adult from each class must attend.

- EVERYONE MUST BRING A NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM OR A PAPER PRODUCT AS THE TICKET FOR ADMISSION. THESE WILL GO TO SCAN FOOD BANK.
- You may invite a guest. *Grades K-12

PERMISSION SLIPS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AFTER EASTER

Join in the "BEAT".... Help "BEAT" Hunger!

The United Methodist Church of Berea
Children's & Youth Councils, & Missions Committee

The Sabbath

One thought we often have about the Sabbath is that it is a celebration of God's work.

Does the concept of the Sabbath contribute to our understanding of our ordinary daily lives?

How is it that God intends for our days to be?

Do you allow yourself time to "unplug" from work, responsibilities, and commitments?

Sabbath moments; time to run headlong into the beauty of life.

On July 20, July 21 and July 22 Adult Council will offer three nights of supper; with two nights of classes on July 20 and July 21, followed with a concert on July 22.

The three classes will include:

Jewelry Glass Fusion

Chair Yoga

Movie and Discussion



Our concert will feature Mike Misiak and his band.

We hope you will save the date for one of your summer activities.

Submitted by Deaconess Karen Caldwell

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2014 Memorial books: There are four that are now available in the library: "The Quotable Eleanor Roosevelt" and "Harriet Beecher Stowe: A Spiritual Life" are both about famous women in history. "A Cry from the Dust" and "The Last Runaway" are fictional stories.

The other announcement is about the UMW reading program: The six new 2015 books are now on the UMW shelf: "Whatever Happened to Dinner?", "Finding God in a Bag of Groceries," "A New Dawn in Beloved Community," "Faith and Struggle on Smokey Mountain," "Tough Cookies," and "Sum It up: Pat Summit."

Submitted by Betsy Meikle

GREETERS NEEDED!



What do you think about when you hear the word "WELCOME"? Do some of these words come to mind: *loved, included, accepted, invited, wanted, worthy, needed?* Think of a time when you were genuinely welcomed in a new place, in someone's home, a friend's or even a stranger's. Do you remember how that made you feel? Receiving the gift of welcome can be a powerful experience, where love, joy, warmth and acceptance are very real, almost tangible. Isn't this the kind of welcome that God calls us to share with all of God's children? Please become a greeter for a service at our church. Contact Sandy Marek at Church or at home [440-234-6858](tel:440-234-6858) for information. We need you to welcome God's people in love.



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

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| April 12 | Speaker is Greg Rentsch |
| April 19 | Speaker is Carolyn Beears on Lakeside, Gem of Lake Erie |
| April 26 | Speaker is Jo Swanson |
| May 3 | Southwest General Hospital Representative |

Short Term Study on Sunday at 10:00AM in Room 12 Deaconess Karen Caldwell

Now through April 26

You Matter More than you Think by Leslie Parrott will be our starting point each week. Leslie is a family therapist who suggests the reading of scripture, journaling, review of DVD and reading of the book each week. Many of you are already making a difference in our world but is there bigger differences possible though you and your faithfulness.

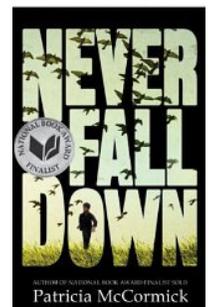
Starting May 3 - *Never Fall Down* by Patricia McCormick

(books will be available for review on April 26 in hallway outside room 12)

It is a true story of Arn Chorn-Pond, who defied the odds to survive the Cambodian genocide of 1975-1979 and the labor camps of the Khmer Rouge.

Told from a young boy's point of view, this is an achingly raw and powerful historical novel about a child of war who becomes a man of peace. It includes an author's note and acknowledgments from Arn Chorn-Pond himself.

When soldiers arrived in his hometown, Arn was just a normal little boy. But after the soldiers marched the entire population into the countryside, his life was changed forever.



COSROW Corner – April 2015

“Then Mary (Magdalene) stood up. She greeted them all and addressed her brothers. Do not weep and be distressed nor let your hearts be irresolute. For his grace will be with you all and will shelter you. Rather we should praise his greatness, for he has joined us together and made us true human beings.” Quoting from the Book of Mary discovered in 1945 at Nag Hammadi.

The timing of the quote above appears to be just after Jesus' death when the apostles are questioning how they could go out into the world since Jesus is dead. What a comforting message Mary gives them; how we can benefit from her words!

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 | Jean McKeon |
| Fran Bobo | Clare Murphy |
| Lenora Cool | Dorothy Novak |
| Bob & Donna Dial | Tom Oakley |
| Barbara Donahue | Russ Sanderson |
| Marlene Felts | Jeanette Sheneman |
| Bob Ferrell | Sarah Ulmer |
| Carol Forster | Dorothy Wheaton |
| Laurie Garvin | Eva Williamson |

Our Sympathies to:

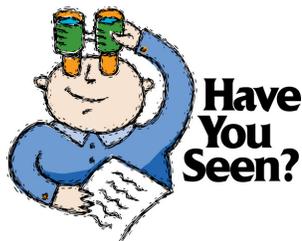
- Eleanor Lansell on the death of her sister, Carolyn Naiser on February 27, 2015.

Congratulations!

- James Walters for receiving the 2015 Grindstone Award for Outstanding Citizen.
- Lisa Morrison and Carrie Antczak have been approved for full ordination.
Lisa Morrison is now an ordained elder; and Carrie Antczak is now an ordained deacon.

Thank You from the NEWSingers

The NEWSingers would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended our annual concert and pie festival. As the song *God Speaking* says, God will do and use anything to tell us He loves us. The NEWSingers heard God speaking His love through you. A special thanks to those who spoke God's love by helping to cut pies, serve the light supper and usher. Your gift of hospitality made everyone feel welcomed and loved.



- The church is missing the following items:
- Cast Iron 12” Skillets
 - Floor 5-Arm Lamp that was in the Wesley Parlor

Give the church office a call if you locate them.
440-234-3525 Ext. 100

Volunteers on needed to help with our April UMW Garage Sale. A sign-up sheet is hanging on bulletin board of UMW. Please volunteer for a few hours the week of April 13th.



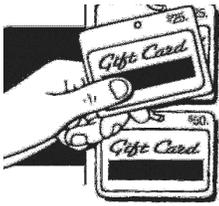
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WE INVITE ALL WOMEN TO JOIN
UMW Berea to ...
Make a Difference in the World

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!

Spring Programs:

- April 16-17 Spring Garage Sale
April 25 Crop Walk - Coe Lake
May 7-10 Plant Sale - in Fellowship Hall - Enclosed is order form for plants.
May 16 Salad Luncheon Program - Consortium Musica



Idea for an Easter Gift!

Gift cards for many businesses are available all year. 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.

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

A GESTURE OF GRATITUDE
A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial - 2015

A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial is an annual observance during which members reflect on the gospel of Christ and make an offering to mission in response to Christ's love for his people.

Purpose of offering

The Call to Prayer and Self-Denial offering is dedicated to a particular area of mission each year and funds national and international programs. The areas of mission occur in four-year cycles. The first year supports programs in mission institutions related to United Methodist Women, the second year is an open focus area, the third year funds buildings and property needs of institutions historically related to United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations, and the fourth year provides for the pensions and health care of retired deaconesses and missionaries.

Focus of offering

In 2015, the offering received will go toward the pensions and health care of retired deaconesses and missionaries. *One hundred percent of the offering will go directly to provide health and pension support for retirees.*

Join in A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial observance. Your gifts of gratitude will make a difference.

*Members raised nearly \$900,000 in offering in 2011, when the focus was on retirees.
This provided pension and health support for approximately 160 retirees.*

To make a gift or for more information, call Jan Harlamert, 440 243-7126, or Marilyn Smith, 440 243-4165

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New Hearing Assistance Equipment

New state of the art audio equipment has been purchased to assist those with hearing needs during worship services and meetings. The new Williams Hearing Assistance System includes a fixed and a portable transmitter, eight personal receivers, two neck loop cables for use with telecoil equipped hearing aids, six standard headsets, one charging/storage case, one conference microphone and one ear speaker.

Many thanks to contributors Dick Baker, Karl & Cass Beckman, Larry Jelinek, Bill Pierce, Joanne Mansfield, the Mary Gay Memorial Fund, and the Trustees.

The equipment is located in Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, and may be accessed by asking an usher on Sunday mornings or a staff member during the week.

Special thanks to John Kappeler for constructing the cabinet to house the new equipment, Paul Harlamert for installing the power in the cabinet for the charging station, and Bill Pierce for heading up this project. It truly was a TEAM effort.

BBB Offers Free On-Site Document Shredding BBB invites community to take part in Secure Your ID Day

For Immediate Release – March 15, 2015 - The Federal Trade Commission recently announced that identity theft topped the list of complaints the agency received in 2014. Shredding sensitive documents to keep them out of the hands of scammers is an important step in protecting your identity.

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) and its partners are offering free document shredding at two locations on Saturday, April 25th. Residents and small businesses are encouraged to bring up to three boxes or bags of documents, as well as CDs and floppy discs for shredding.

BBB Event Details

Who: Better Business Bureau Serving Greater Cleveland with Rad Air Complete Car Care, Apprisen, and All-Ohio Secure Shred.

What: Free on-the-spot document shredding.

When: Saturday, April 25, 2015, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Where: Rad Air Complete Car Care, 6221 SOM Center Ave. Solon (next to Sears) and 6565 Pearl Road, Parma Heights.



Up to three boxes or bags of documents will be shredded. Documents to be shredded should be removed from binders, but staples, paper clips, CDs and floppy discs are okay to be shredded.

ABOUT BBB: For more than 100 years, Better Business Bureau has been helping people find businesses, brands and charities they can trust. In 2014, people turned to BBB more than 165 million times for BBB Business Reviews on more than 5.4 million businesses and Charity Reports on 11,000 charities, all available for free at bbb.org/cleveland. The Council of Better Business Bureaus is the umbrella organization for 112 local, independent BBBs across North America, as well as home to its national programs on dispute resolution, advertising review, and industry self-regulation.

Read & Grow Group

Monday, April 13, 2015.
Anyone is welcome to attend.



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.

The next meeting is on May 11, 2015 and the book is "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd. Hetty "Handful" Grimke, an urban slave in the nineteenth century Charleston, yearns for life beyond the suffocating walls that enclose her within the wealthy Grimke household. The Grimke's daughter, Sarah, has known from an early age that she is meant to do something large in the world, but she is hemmed in by the limits imposed on women.



New Art Display in Gathering Place

Thoughts from the Photographer

I retired from teaching in the Shaker School System in 1992 and began both my world travels and my new hobby, photography. I found that looking at my surroundings

through a lens made me see actively rather than passively. At the same time, I discovered my love for art history and found that the principles of composition in each discipline are the same. In the Chagrin Falls Photography Club, my work proved to be competitive, to my delight, and most recently I explored the coast of Oregon under the auspices of a photography workshop, a wonderful opportunity for exploration and growth. I hope you will enjoy seeing through "my lens." Should you wish to purchase a piece, please contact me at 440-235-3369 at the Renaissance.
Julia Worley / Photographer



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The United Methodist Church of Berea
HABITAT for HUMANITY
APOSTLES' Build Team
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GIVING BACK TO KIDS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

April 6th

LOCATION:
CHUCK E. CHEESE'S

EVENT ADDRESS:
26104 Brookpark Road
North Olmsted, OH 44070

EVENT DATE:
April 6, 2015

EVENT TIME:
3:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH 2015

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Food Pantry Needs

Thank you for your great support last month. The folks at SCAN were thrilled with the generous response to their call for syrup. **Next, for April 12** (a week later due to Easter) they have asked for canned fruit of all kinds. Our donations reduce the amount they must spend to buy from the food bank downtown which usually offers a limited choice of either applesauce, peaches, mandarin oranges or fruit cocktail. Other kinds of fruit, such as pears, apricots, plums, pineapple would provide variety and would also be greatly appreciated.

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NOTE: If you wish to discontinue receiving this newsletter, please contact the church office to remove your name from the mailing list.

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

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

Crop Walk for Hunger (and fun run)
Held at COE Lake Gazebo and Metro Parks Trail
9:00 AM - 11:00AM
Register at 8:00 AM



Details and registration forms are available on the website at www.umcb.org (T-Shirts range from Small to XX)
Refreshments and Door Prizes

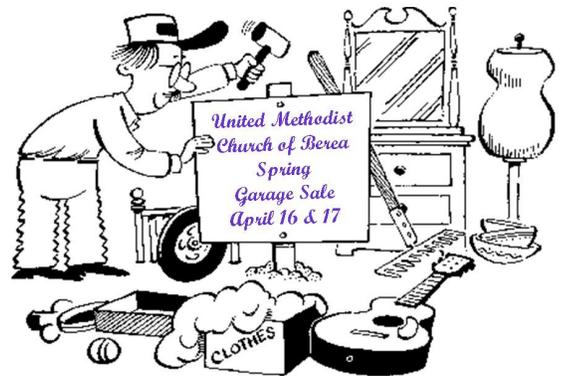


Food Pantry Needs

SCAN will receive food and paper products from our church on April 12, 2015.

April 12 is loose coin Sunday. The offering collected will go directly to:

CROP WALK



Sponsored by United Methodist Women

**Pre-Sale Event on April 15 from 6pm to 8pm
Admittance Fee is \$5.00**



Thursday Only
Bake Sale starts at 9:00 a.m.
Snack Bar Open from 10 a.m. to 2p.m.

**Thursday, April 16
9 A.M. - 8 P.M.
and
Friday, April 17
9 A.M. - 12 Noon**



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