



OUR MISSION IS TO MAKE AND MATURE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD.

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All Saints Sunday: November 5

November 1 is All Saints Day, a sometimes-overlooked holy day, not nearly as well-known as the day before it, All Hallows' (Saints') Eve, also known as "Halloween." But All Saints Day is an important day in the life of the church, an opportunity to give thanks for all those who have gone before us in the community of faith. From the earliest days of Christianity, there has been a sense that the church consists not only of all living believers but also all who have gone before us and all who are yet to come. There is a "great cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12.1) which surrounds us, encouraging us and cheering us on.



All Saints' Sunday

At The UMC of Berea, we will celebrate all the saints on **All Saints Sunday, November 5**. During all three morning worship services, we will read the names of persons connected to this congregation who have died in the past twelve months, and a candle will be lit for each as we remember the eternal light of Christ that continues to shine in their lives and in ours.

Naming Our Commitments for 2018

Here at The UMC of Berea, our mission—our reason for being—is "to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." On **Sunday, November 19**, we will have the opportunity to name our commitments to support the ministries of this congregation and to grow as disciples, i.e. followers of Jesus Christ who are centering our lives on loving God and loving others. Commitment Cards will be distributed through the mail and available at the church on the Sundays immediately preceding November 19. If you prefer to complete your commitment form online, visit the "Giving" tab at www.umcb.org. Please consider prayerfully your commitments for the coming year as we continue to live into our mission.

Say among the nations,



Psalm 96:10

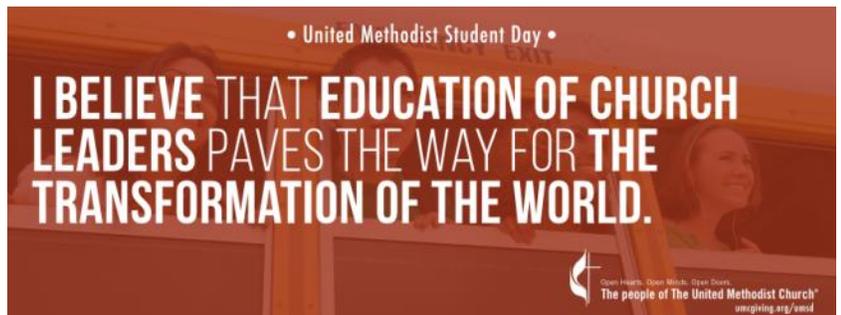
Reign of Christ Sunday: November 26

Reign of Christ or "Christ the King" Sunday is one of the most recent additions to the Christian calendar. Begun in 1925, the celebration was intended initially to be a response to growing secularism and competing claims for our allegiance, particularly in the wake of the First World War. Celebrated on the last Sunday before the new church year begins with the First Sunday of Advent (this year, on December 3), Reign of Christ Sunday represents an opportunity for the church to gather and reaffirm the sovereignty

of God in our lives and in the world.

United Methodist Student Day: November 26

"Unite the pair so long disjoined," Charles Wesley wrote, "knowledge and vital piety." United Methodist Student Day is an invitation to support students through scholarships and grants as they prepare for lives united faith with knowledge. Please prayerfully consider your financial contributions toward this special offering in the life of The UMC.





Worship & Fellowship

<p><u>November 5, 2017</u> All Saint's Sunday 22nd Sunday After Pentecost</p>	<p><u>November 12, 2017</u> 23rd Sunday After Pentecost</p>	<p><u>November 19, 2017</u> 24th Sunday After Pentecost</p>	<p><u>November 26, 2017</u> Reign of Christ Sunday United Methodist Student Sunday</p>
<p>Revelations 7.9-17 Psalm 34.1-10, 22 (UMH 830) 1 John 3.1-3 Matthew 5.1-12 Matthew 23:1-12</p>	<p>Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78.1-7 (UMH 799) 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18 Matthew 25.1-13</p>	<p>Judges 4.1-7 Psalm 123 or Psalm 76 (UMH 797) 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 Matthew 25.14-30</p>	<p>Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100 (UMH 821) Ephesians 1.15-23 Matthew 25.31-46</p>



Look, Kids & Parents! The lesson in **bold letters** will be used Sunday School.

— SHARE ABUNDANTLY IN —
every good work.
2 CORINTHIANS 9:8, NRSV

November 23, 2017 - Thanksgiving Day

Deuteronomy 8.7-18 Psalm 65 (UMH 789)

2 Corinthians 9.6-15 Luke 17.11-19

Worship Assistant Schedule				
	<u>November 5, 2017</u>	<u>November 12, 2017</u>	<u>November 19, 2017</u>	<u>November 26, 2017</u>
8 a.m. Usher	Joanne Mansfield	Ken Foster	Wayne Tyler	Barb Kuri
8 a.m. Liturgist	Condit Dibble	Fred Moss	Helen Rathburn	Gerrie Berena
8 a.m. Communion	Condit Dibble Joanne Mansfield			
11:15 a.m. Greeters	June Demmerle Joanne Mansfield	Ginny Nelson Sue Royer	Sue Esper Betsy Meikle	Orley & Julie Aten
11:15 a.m. Liturgist	Linda Tucker	Jo Swanson	Rikki Price	Sharon Williams
11:15 a.m. Communion	Linda Tucker Chris Neely Nancy Buehler			
Communion Preparation	Tom & Sandy Marek			



Worship & Fellowship

Sign a Star

You are invited to sign a star with a Christmas Blessing, your name, or the name of a loved one. The stars will be placed on the Red Door Christmas tree just outside the Sanctuary Narthex) the Saturday before Advent begins. Look for tables with the stars and pens throughout the church.

Any questions, call Lin Rowland at 440-234-3205.



Commission on a Way Forward

Council of Bishops

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Conversations on a Way Forward

The Commission on a Way Forward was approved by the 2016 General Conference of The United Methodist Church to do a complete examination and possible revision of every paragraph in *The Book of Discipline* concerning human sexuality, and a special General Conference has been scheduled for 2019 to receive and act on the work of this commission.

To help inform this commission in its work, annual conferences throughout our United Methodist connection are engaging in conversations to explore options that will help maintain and strengthen the unity of the church. All clergy and laity in the East Ohio Conference are invited and encouraged to participate in any of the Conversations on a Way Forward which will be held throughout our conference area from October 2017 through March 2018. The closest one for us will be Monday, February 5 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Lakewood UMC, and as we get closer to that date, we will plan to carpool to that conversation.

For more information and to register for the February 5 or any other conversation, please visit www.eocumc.com/gc/index.html.



November 4, 2017

9:30 a.m.

2017 Charge Conference

Our annual charge conference will meet on **Saturday, November 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Rocky River UMC** (19414 Detroit Road, Rocky River). Together with other congregations from our North Coast District, we will gather to celebrate God's activity in our life together throughout the past year and conduct official business in preparation for the year ahead with the guidance of our Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Steve Bailey. All members of Church Council are expected to attend with voice and vote.

Church Family Prayer Concerns

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| Bruce Akins | Jane Jeffery | Barb Rochford |
| Florence Baker | Marilyn Jelinek | Lou Russell |
| Fran Bobo | John Kappeler | Barbara Scoon |
| Lenora Cool | Betty Kavendar | Jeanette Sheneman |
| Diane Corey | Janice Kavendar | Carol Thompson |
| Ron Corey | Margaret McCready | Victoria Thomson |
| Donna Dial | Bernice McHenry | Wayne Tyler |
| Cleda Fletcher | Betty Miller | Kathleen Wargelin |
| Carol Forster | John Miller | Kenneth Williams |
| Laurie Garvin | Donna O'Brien | Eva Williamson |
| Karen Grant | Esther O'Hearn | Richard Woollett |
| Pat Harf | Donna Powers | |

Currently Serving in the Military

- John Cline Carros
- Chad Droney
- Nikki (Myers) Droney
- J.D. Ferut (*Grandson of Gerry & Jo Boggs*)
- Ryan Hopkins
- Bill Lambert (*Son-in-law of Corky Cline*)
- Matthew Metzger
- Zachary New (*Grandson of Bob & Jackie King*)



We reach out in Christian sympathy & love to the family of Dr. Edgar B. Moore, who passed peacefully on Monday, October 16, 2017. Celebration of Life service information will be shared once available.

A full list of the Prayer Concerns is available each week on the Narthex Table.
To receive Prayer Concerns by email, please email Beth in the church office at ebarner@umcb.org.



(image accessed at umcmigration.org)

Brothers and Sisters of The United Methodist Church,

Grace and peace to you in the compassionate name of our Lord Christ Jesus.

I write to you on behalf of our Council of Bishops to invite you to observe **Global Migration Sunday on December 3, 2017**. This is the first Sunday of the season of Advent, a time when we remember the coming birth of the Christ Child who was himself a migrant.

From Asia through Europe and Africa to the Americas, the plight of the over 65 million men, women and children forced to leave their homes and migrate to places unknown calls all Christians to remember what God requires of us.

Wars, natural disasters, persecution, economic hardships, and growing violence around the world are the major root causes of the unprecedented global migration we see today with grave concern. As if these deadly forces were not enough, migrants also face myriad problems as they migrate including hazardous travel, cultural barriers and the physical and emotional costs of arriving in strange lands where they are not always welcome and often persecuted.

For most of these migrants, the decision to flee their homeland comes as a last resort effort to live. We are reminded of Joseph and Mary as they sought to save their lives and especially the life of the Christ Child by fleeing to Africa to escape the wrath of King Herod who felt threatened by the birth of Jesus and ordered the massacre of the children (Matthew 2:13-14).

As United Methodists, we believe that the prayers of God's people can cause the outpouring of God's mercy and justice. As your bishops, it is our fervent hope that on **Global Migration Sunday on December 3**, United Methodist congregations in all the places where we serve around the world would join our voices to pray for our brothers and sisters who are suffering on the journey of forced migration on the face of the earth. In addition, as a people who pray and act upon those prayers, we ask that all our congregations also gather an offering to be dedicated to responding to the human suffering inflicted by forced migration. Offerings collected should be sent to the Migration **Advance No. 3022144**.

We are grateful for our general agencies who have prepared excellent resources for Global Migration Sunday including the Prayer that we would ask we all pray on December 3rd. These resources can be found in English, Arabic, French and Spanish at umcmigration.org.

Jesus said, "When you welcome the sojourner, you welcome me." (Matthew 25:35).

Let us welcome our migrant brothers and sisters with compassionate care, pray for them without ceasing, and give generously that they too may have life.

Grace and peace,

Bishop Bruce R. Ough
President, Council of Bishops



Worship & Fellowship

CHURCH Anniversary PREPARATIONS

175 Years and Counting...

2018 marks significant milestones in the history of our congregation. It is the 175th anniversary of the first appointment of a pastor to serve among Methodists in Berea. It is the 70th anniversary of the merger of Emmanuel Methodist Church with First Methodist Church to form The Methodist Church of Berea. And it is the 50th anniversary of the merger of two denominations—The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church—to become The United Methodist Church.

Plans are in progress for celebrations of these anniversaries throughout 2018. All are welcome to participate with the planning team. The next meeting will be at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1 in the Library.**

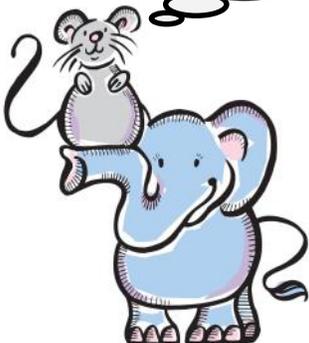
2017 Thanksgiving Dinner

Plans for this year's community Thanksgiving Dinner are still developing. If you would like to help plan, cook, or host (possibly in your home), please contact Pastor Nathan at nhowe@umcb.org. Watch for more information coming soon.



Christian Formation

Could you help us DREAM BIG?



Are you an interior designer or artist who could help the Children's Ministry dream Big Dreams for the 2nd floor ministry areas?

If you are interested in helping with our exciting plans for the future, please contact Meredith Kurtz at [216-618-8712](tel:216-618-8712) or mkurtz@bw.edu.

YOUTH EVENT



Hey youth! Join us for "Glow Bowling" @ Fairview Lanes, **November 19th, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.** Cost is \$10 and includes games & shoes. Lorain Lighthouse UMC youth will be joining us as well!

OPERATING FUND UPDATE

(As of September 30, 2017 with comparison to 2016)

	9/30/2017	9/30/2016
Income Received	\$350,688	\$338,655
Expenses Paid	\$333,841	\$329,405
Shared Ministry Obligation Outstanding	\$ 54,681	\$ 58,665

A detailed financial report is available from the Finance Office upon request.

- Finance Committee

October's Loose Change offering for the Saylor Christmas Shop at OhioGuidestone was \$45.50. November's Loose Change offering will be collected on November 12th for Giving Tree.



If you have read one or more books in each category and some articles in "response" magazine, please remember to fill out a reading record and turn it in to me by Dec. 31. (Any books you have read during the last five years will count.) You will receive a certificate at the next district meeting in April.

- Betsy Meikle



Christian Formation

Commission On the Status and Role Of Women

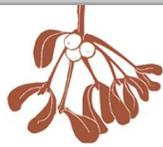


At a time in our nation's struggle to maintain balance, I am reminded of the words of a hymn. Georgia Harkness wrote this in 1939. The words sound very important now.

This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other hearts are beating; with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one.

- Jo Swanson

Sunday Morning Adult Opportunities (10 a.m.)



FEASTING
on the **WORD**™

Feasting on the Word, led by Greg Rentsch & Terry Kurtz in Room 27. This lectionary-based class invites participants to "feast" on the Word of God and find practical application to their lives. Formally known as "Next Gen", the class is open to people of all ages and stages of life. Join them to dig deeper into the Scriptures used in worship each Sunday.

Weekday Adult Opportunities (10 a.m.)

Tuesday Bible Study will continue to meet now through Advent, led by John Kappeler and members of the group at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesdays in Room 35. The Intercessory Prayer Team meets immediately following the bible study at 10:05 a.m., also in Room 35.

All are welcome.



FaithLink will continue to meet in the Library through Advent, always connecting faith life to the events making headlines. Join them this Advent to discover the light of Christ among us, even when the world seems dark.

Home Builders meets in the Parlor each week, exploring various faith topics together. Join them anytime. Here are the upcoming topics for November:

November 5, 2017

Newly released JFK Documents

November 12, 2017

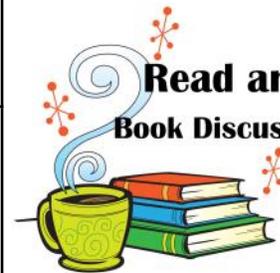
Habitat for Humanity, Tom Marek

November 19, 2017

Dicken's Christmas Carol, Cass Beckman

November 26, 2017

No Class



Read and Grow
Book Discussion Group

The 2nd Monday of Each Month

6:30 - 7:45 p.m.

The Church Parlor

Join us November 13 to discuss:

Nov. 13 "**Tuck Everlasting**" by Natalie Babbit
This is the story of the Tuck family living in 1880's in Ohio that discover the answer to living on earth forever and related problems. They wander about trying to live as inconspicuously and comfortably as they can.

Dec. 11 "**The Noticer**" by Andy Andrews
Your chance to regroup, take a break, and begin your life again awaits in the simple wisdom and heartwarming story of a man called Jones. While this powerful story grapples with life's biggest questions, it remains a sheer pleasure to read.

YOU are always welcome. Come once or all the time.

Janet Mallarnee [440 235-7331](tel:440-235-7331), Betsy Meikle [440 243-5767](tel:440-243-5767) or Jan Harlamert [440 243-7126](tel:440-243-7126) would be glad to answer questions you may have.



Celebrating God's Love in Our Community



Many thanks...

...to Dave Ulman, Dave Thurau, all the trustees and other servants who helped to transform the house at 188 Seminary Street into a beautiful new green space. If you have not yet visited the space to the north of the church building, take a moment to enjoy the new plants (and decorative pumpkins!) that have been added to the space along with the incorporation of sandstone from the house.

Thank you to the many volunteers who provided desserts and helped serve the Berea Community Meal at St. Paul's Lutheran on September 27, 2017.

The Mission Committee

Congratulations New Stephen Ministers!

Three new Stephen Ministers were commissioned on Sunday, October 15th. Congratulations to Megan Howe, Kevin Scaife and Linda Tucker! These three have completed months of training and preparation, working extremely hard attending classes, completing pre-class reading, and role-playing. They have grown in knowledge and skill, covering a variety of topics including distinctively Christian caregiving, confidentiality, telecare, ministering to those experiencing grief, dealing with depression and more.

The emphasis on confidentiality is important. Most people are reluctant to share their problems and situations because they're afraid of others' finding out. The confidentiality of Stephen Ministry lets people know they can discuss difficult concerns with their Stephen Minister and not be afraid of others' finding out.

Although initial training is over, the new Stephen Ministers will join our current Stephen Ministers for continuing education monthly. The goal is for all of our Stephen Ministers to continually enhance their knowledge and skills and learn new ways to care.

To find out more about Stephen Ministry or how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with Pastor Nathan or any of our Stephen Leaders (Barb Rochford, Orley Aten, or Condit Dibble).

An update with anyone who is following the "adventures of big foot":

- * took cast off and took xrays
- * dr came in and pronounced everything looked good -all 14 screws holding this foot together
- * got another cast with a soft walking boot put on so I can start putting weight on the foot and walking a bit
- * next appointment in another 6 weeks

Healing time goes soooooooooooooo slowly and I do appreciate your continued prayers.

Blessings,
Carol Forster

A "Big Thanks"...

...to everyone who donated and volunteered to help with the UMW Garage Dale, Café, and Bake Sale. We couldn't have done it without you. See you again in April!

United Methodist Women



Congratulations to our third graders who received their Whirl bibles on Sunday, October 8, 2017: Marissa, Josie, and Katie (Left to Right).

We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you explore these bibles in your home, in your Sunday school classes, and in our worship.

Thank you to the Youth Work Mission members who very efficiently moved two sofas for us. We are so grateful to them. Clayton Allen, Don Moody, and Owen Swartz arrived promptly and worked diligently as a team. One sofa will be donated to a designated charity and the other sofa is now in our living room, replacing the donated one. My husband and I are very grateful that Clayton was able to organize this work assignment and greatly reduce our work load.

Thanks again,
Molly Force

Outreach and Service



Sunday, November 5th 4-6 pm – ready to get messy?

Ready to meet some neighbors, have a fun event to bring your friends to, and learn about Jesus the Light of the World? We are! Our team, led by Carolyn William, is oozing with excitement as we get ready to kick-off Messy Church!

Messy Church is a great opportunity for friends, family, and neighbors to come to church without any pressure – and with the expectation that life is messy, and that’s ok! Messy church serves as an outreach program, fellowship opportunity, and reimagines and revitalizes some of our most cherished holiday events.

Come to participate, but come first as host, bringing your friends and neighbors with you as we enjoy messy play, messy worship, and messy dinner! It’s a free event and open to EVERYONE.

Pick up an invite at the outreach board to give to a friend, and/or share our post on Facebook. (www.facebook.com/UMCBEREA) Want to join our team of fun? Contact Pastor Carrie or Carolyn Williams, or sign up in the Narthex.

Our next Messy Church will be December 10th at 4:00 p.m.



Community Leaf Raking



Outdoor Time

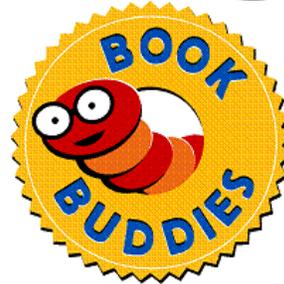
+ Fellowship with Friends

+ Helping Your Community

November Saturday WIN!

Do you just love Autumn? The beautiful colors, scents, and fresh air? Then you’ll want to join the community effort to help those who are unable to remove leaves from their yards.

We’ll be leaving from our church on **November 18th at 9:00 a.m.**, and will be done no later than 12:00 p.m. Rakes will be provided, but brings yours if you absolutely love it.



We are glad to partner with Grindstone Elementary School in providing “Book Buddies” – or loving adults who will offer an hour of their time once a week to simply read with a kindergarten or 1st grade student.

Applications are still being accepted this month.

Questions about the events on this page? Feel free to contact Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105



As you may remember, the December Caller last year was a combined December/January issue. While having January events prior to the holidays was great for planning ahead, a reminder after the new year might also have been helpful.

This year, we are trying something a little different. Like last year, the December Caller will include as many January events as possible. Then, the first week of January, we will send out a condensed “newslet” with event updates and a January calendar.

The deadline for the December Caller will be November 15th and we ask that you submit articles for any January events at that time if possible. The deadline for any updates to be included in the January “newslet” will be December 15th. Please remember that this is intended to be a supplement to the December Caller instead of the usual full-length Caller.

Please contact the UMCB office at info@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x100 if you would like to contribute or have any questions .



Outreach and Service

CHRISTMAS...ALL YEAR 'ROUND

For over 30 years, the United Methodist Church of Berea has supported OhioGuidestone's Christmas Shop. This local mission provides gifts for children and families. Social workers pick up new, unwrapped items to give to their clients, so that they may have a special Christmas.

Once again, UMW is helping collect new, **unwrapped** gifts...baby clothing, baby items, books, toys, games for the OhioGuidestone Sayler Christmas Store.

Donations are welcome and may be placed in the three Christmas boxes located throughout the church.

Thanks, in advance, for your kindness and generosity.



Southwest Community Area Network (SCAN) Food Pantry

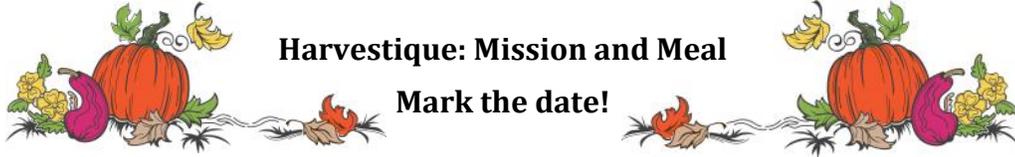
SCAN Sunday is the first Sunday of each month. SCAN requests foods to be included in the special bags for holiday dinners. This would include such things as stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, chicken or turkey gravy mixes. Also needed are canned green beans, mushroom soup and dried onions (for the "famous " green bean casserole) and pie crust mix or graham Cracker crusts, canned pumpkin with the spices already added, cranberry sauce and anything else that you would have for a holiday meal.

Thank you as always for your faithful support of the SCAN Food Pantry.



Harvestique: Mission and Meal

Mark the date!



On Saturday, November 4, 2017, from 12 noon- 7 p.m., the United Methodist Women are hosting a mission, craft and supper. The holidays are approaching...stop in and check out the craft tables. St. Thomas Episcopal Church will be joining us this year! Need some last-minute gifts? Our silent auction gift baskets are perfect for giving (or a treat for yourself). All proceeds from the baskets will benefit: Hanson House, OhioGuidestone, and Church Street Ministries.

Come for lunch or dinner and sample our chili menu. We'll be serving chili from 12noon- 2pm and 5pm- 7pm. Try a bowl (+ roll, beverage, dessert) for \$ 7 or sample 3 "tastes" (+ roll, beverage, dessert) for \$ 10. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased from Carol Anne McCleery or any of the UMW Board.

We look forward to sharing an afternoon with you. Thanks for your encouragement and support.

2017 Annual White House Ornament

The Official 2017 White House Christmas ornament honors the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt, who served as the thirty-second president of the United States from 1933 to 1945 and his remarkable journey to restore the faith of the American people. The ornament is crafted from shiny brass plated with nickel and 24-karat gold.

The cost is \$25 per ornament. Please make checks out to "UMW" and notate "ornament " on the memo line.



Number of Ornaments: _____ Total (\$25/ornament): _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address _____



All paid orders must be received in the Church Office by **November 15, 2017**.
(Additional order forms are available outside the church office.)

The Caller

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Our Mission

Our mission is to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

We live into our mission by:

