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Worship & Fellowship

Holy Week Worship Schedule



Palm Sunday
March 25, 2018

Join us as we wave palm branches, sing God's praises, and begin our Holy Week journey, remembering Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. On this festival day, we will slightly alter our Sunday morning schedule: join us for worship at **8 a.m. in the Chapel** or at **10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary**; Sunday school classes will meet at 9 a.m.



Maundy Thursday
March 29, 2018

On Thursday of Holy Week, join us in the **Sanctuary at 7 p.m.** to remember Jesus' last supper with the disciples and the commandment Jesus gives us to serve one another through tangible acts of love. The NEWSingers Choir will provide an anthem.



Good Friday
March 30, 2018

The Berea community will gather **at the OhioGuidestone Chapel at noon for a crosswalk** at then inside the OhioGuidestone Chapel **at 1 p.m. for a worship service**. Here at The UMC of Berea, we will gather **in our Sanctuary at 7 p.m.** to remember Jesus' crucifixion with a Service of Tenebrae (Shadows).



Easter Vigil
Overnight, March 31
to April 1, 2018

As Holy Saturday turns to Easter Sunday, you are invited to come to the Sanctuary to wait and pray, as Jesus instructs the disciples to do while he prays in the Garden of Gethsemane. Sign-up sheets will be available in the weeks before this weekend for you to sign up for a time to pray silently in the stillness of the Sanctuary.



Easter Sunday
April 1, 2018

Easter is the central celebration of the Christian year. Join us in worship at **8 a.m. in the Sanctuary, 9 a.m. in Wesley Hall, or 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary** as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and the beginning of the Great Fifty Days of Easter through scripture, song, and sharing Holy Communion with our Risen Lord.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!

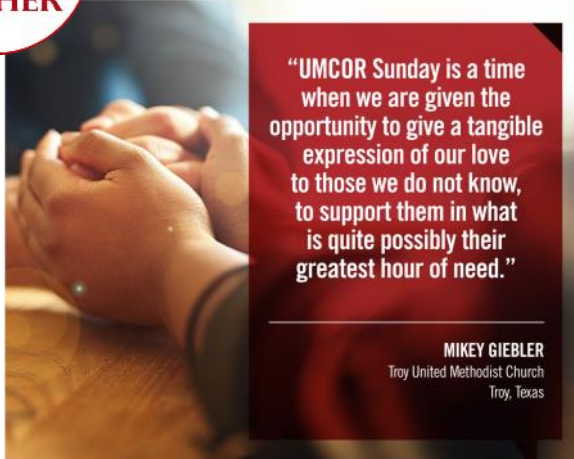


Glimpses of History Celebrating the 175th Anniversary of The United Methodist Church of Berea, Ohio

In 1870, the Trustees of German Wallace College, jointly with the German Methodist congregation, decided to build a church that would be used by both the college and the congregation. The German Methodist congregation contributed \$5,000 to the project. The building was competed and dedicated in 1872. In 1899, the building underwent a thorough renovation. In the 1990's, the building was again completely redecorated, including many changes and the installation of an elevator. After the merger of the two congregations, the building became the college chapel. On the tower are the words: College Chapel A.D. 1872. It is now called Lindsay-Crossman Chapel.

Celebrating 175 years (and counting...)

This year marks the 175th anniversary of Methodist ministry in the Berea community. Throughout the year, you will find "glimpses of history" in weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters. We will also have two special worship celebrations which will include opportunities to re-connect with pastoral leaders. On **Sunday, May 13**, the Rev. Cal Myers and the Rev. Rollin Conway will be with us in worship and for a potluck lunch following the 11:15 a.m. worship service. And on **Sunday, September 30**, Bishop Greg Palmer will be with us in worship and for a lunch gathering after our last worship service. Please "save the dates" and plan to join us as we celebrate God's work through Methodists in Berea.



“UMCOR Sunday is a time when we are given the opportunity to give a tangible expression of our love to those we do not know, to support them in what is quite possibly their greatest hour of need.”

MIKEY GIEBLER
Troy United Methodist Church
Troy, Texas

UMCOR Sunday—March 11

When disaster strikes—close at home or around the globe—oftentimes, we can feel helpless. How can any one person make a difference in the wake of widespread devastation? As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is prepared to act.

Since 1940, when UMCOR’s forerunner was established to meet the needs of those suffering overseas during World War II, we have continued to respond to those in need, now throughout more than eighty countries worldwide. And this response—the response of UMCOR—is not something “they” do; it something “we” do together.

That is because your generous giving on UMCOR Sunday (formerly known as, “One Great Hour of Sharing”) is what equips UMCOR to act as the hands and feet of Christ’s church, moving toward the world’s most vulnerable in their most desperate days. Convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity—without regard to race, religion, or gender—together, we are assisting those impacted by crisis and chronic need.

Because we give, The UMC’s compassionate response to human suffering continues today: when children in Zimbabwe lose parents to AIDS; when hurricanes rip through Texas, Florida, and the Caribbean; and when the next mass crisis occurs. We are and will be ready to respond.

Will you continue to support this vital ministry of UMCOR? Will you continue to meet the needs of children, families, and communities who have experienced devastating disasters? Please prayerfully consider your generous response on March 11, UMCOR Sunday.

UMCOR DATES FOR 2019
MARCH 3-15 - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Watch The Caller for more details.



Take Note!

**The NEWSingers Annual Concert and Pie Festival
Sunday, March 18th at 4 p.m.**

This year’s theme is “Life With God”

The NEWSingers annual concert and pie festival will be held on Sunday, March 18th at 4 p.m. The theme of this year’s concert is “Life with God”. A light supper and plenty of pie will be served after the concert. We hope you will join us and bring a friend! There is no charge for the concert. A free will offering will be taken for the meal.



Mmmm...Don’t miss it!



**New Opportunity:
“Survivors Fellowship”**

The Survivor’s Fellowship invites anyone who has experience a loss to be part of their group. Whether you’ve lost a family member, a pet, a friend, or even a job, this group seeks to support

you and provide opportunities to meet with others that are experiencing a loss now or have survived it in the past.

The Survivor Fellowship will meet each Monday, sometimes at the church for planning or an activity and sometimes offsite for an event, activity, or just lunch together.

Here’s their March schedule:

March 4 at 11:30 a.m. - Lunch at Jennifer’s, 8464 Pearl Rd, Strongsville, OH 44136

March 12 at 1:00 p.m. - The group will attend the Health series that the City of Berea offers at Smith School. The series is free and begins at 1:30 p.m. Contact Jean Tharp to be added to the group’s reservation.

March 19 at 11:00 a.m. - A presentation on their trip to Holy Land by Rev. & Mrs. Frantz at the church

March 26 at 11:00 a.m. - Soup & Game Luncheon at the church

If you have experienced a loss and would enjoy time with others who share your experience, please consider joining the Survivor’s Fellowship.



Worship & Fellowship

Birthday Potlucks Debut this Month!



Join us the first Sunday of each month for Birthday Potlucks following the 11:15 worship service! Do you have a birthday you recently celebrated? Come be our guest of honor! What a joy to celebrate our friends in faith!


It's a potluck – and you're Methodist – so you know what to do! Bring your covered dish, snack tray, slow cooker, pie tin, etc. with you. Oh, and of course there will be cake! Let's celebrate in fellowship!

Upcoming Dates: March 4, April 8, May 6.



African Storytelling Event - Friday, March 9 at 6 p.m.

Essouma Loung, A Central Africa Mbom-Mvet (a person who tells stories about their culture) will speak at Celebration UMC at 771 East 260th St., Cleveland, Ohio 44132. She will be joined by Singer Alina Penick and the Celebration Praise Choir.

 Kids & Parents, The lesson in bold letters is the Whirl Lectionary lesson for Sunday School.	<u>March 4, 2018</u> Third Sunday in Lent	<u>March 11, 2018</u> Fourth Sunday in Lent UMCOR Sunday Scout Sunday	<u>March 18, 2018</u> Fifth Sunday in Lent	<u>March 25, 2018</u> Passion Sunday/ Palm Sunday
	Exodus 20.1-17 Psalm 19 (UMH 750) 2 Corinthians 1.18-25 John 2.13-22	Numbers 21.4-9 Psalm 107.1-3, 17-22 (UMH 830) Ephesians 2.1-10 John 12.20-33	Jeremiah 31.31-34 Psalm 51.1-12 (UMH 785) Hebrews 5.5-10 John 12.20-33	Isaiah 50.4-9a Psalm 31.9-16 (UMH 764) Philippians 2.5-11 Mark 14.1-15.47 Mark 11.1-11 Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839)
<u>March 29, 2018</u> Maundy Thursday	<u>March 30, 2018</u> Good Friday	<u>March 31, 2018</u> Easter Vigil (Saturday)		<u>April 1, 2018</u> Easter Sunday
Exodus 12.1-4 (5-10) Psalm 116.1-4, 12-19 (UMH 837) 1 Corinthians 11.23-26 John 13.1-17, 31b-35	Isaiah 52.13-53 Psalm 22 (UMH 752) Hebrews 10.16-25 John 18.1-19:42	Old Testament Readings & Psalms: Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 or Psalm 33 (UMH 767) Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 Psalm 46 (UMH 780) Genesis 22:1-18, Ps 16 (UMH 748) Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18 (UMH 135) Isaiah 55:1-11, Isaiah 12:2-6 Ezekiel 36:24-28 , Psalm 42 (UMH 777) Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 143 (UMH 856) New Testament Reading & Psalm: Rom 6:3-11, Psalm 114(UMH 835) Gospel Reading: Mark 16:1-8		Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 133 (UMH 850) 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 John 20.1-18 Mark 16.1-8



Worship & Fellowship

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8 a.m. Usher	Condit Dibble	Ken Foster	Susan Pogue	Wayne Tyler
8 a.m. Liturgist	Krista Cole	Fred Moss	Helen Rathburn	Condit Dibble
8 a.m. Communion	Condit Dibble, Krista Cole			
11:15 a.m. Greeters	June Demmerle Joanne Mansfield	The Sperry Family	Dale & Molly Force	Phil Gehring Jeanette Kiracofe
11:15 a.m. Liturgist	Linda Tucker	Scouts	Bobbie DiNicola	Barb Peterson
11:15 a.m. Communion	Linda Tucker Carol Anne McCleery Nancy Buehler			
Communion Preparation	Sandy & Tom Marek			



World Day of Prayer - Friday, March 2, 2018.

Theme is, "All God's Creation is Very Good," written by the women of Suriname.

Parma South Presbyterian Church, 6155 Pearl Road, Parma, OH 44130

Registration and continental breakfast begins at 9:30 AM, program at 10:00 AM.

Church Family Prayer Concerns

Bruce Akins
Florence Baker
Fran Bobo
Donna Dial
Cleda Fletcher
Carol Forster
Laurie Garvin
Karen Grant
Pat Harf
Marilyn Jelinek
Betty Joyce

John Kappeler
Betty Kavendar
Janice Kavendar
Margaret McCready
Betty Miller
John Miller
Donna O'Brien
Esther O'Hearn
Donna Powers
Barb Rochford
Lou Russell

Barbara Scoon
Jeanette Sheneman
Carol Thompson
Victoria Thomson
Kathleen Wargelin
Kenneth Williams
Eva Williamson
Richard Woollett

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 Barber Family on the passing of Bill Barber on February 4, 2018. A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, February 10, 2018.

A full list of the Prayer Concerns is available on the Sanctuary Narthex Table.

To receive Prayer Concerns by email, please email Beth in the church office at ebarner@umcb.org. If you know of someone needing care or a visit, please contact the church office or Pastor Nathan.



United Methodist Women
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

Upcoming Events

April 7 – District Spring meeting at Brecksville UMC, 9:30am to noon. Bishop Tracy S. Malone, Bishop of East Ohio Conference and Kathy Kuhn, UMW Conference President

May 17-20 – UMW Assembly- Women from all over the US and world will gather to start the celebration of 150 of service for UMW

July 21-23 – Mission U- gathering Mt. Union in Alliance, OH. Focus groups, youth activities, and spiritual growth.

September 22, - Fall District Meeting-Church of the Saviour- DS Steve Bailey-speaker



Coming Soon
Spring Garage
sale

April 11, 12, & 13

Save your unwanted treasures!

Donations accepted starting after Noon on April 8.

(No old t.v. please!)



UMW
Reading
Program

Our 2018 books are now shelved! We have two books that were on the New York Times bestseller list: "The Book of Joy" by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu and "Hiding in the Light" by Rifqa Bary. In the category of leadership development we have "50 Women Every Christian Should Know" by Michelle DeRusha. The book "Hospitable Planet: Faith, Action, and Climate Change" by Stephen A. Jurovics is in the category of social action, and "Bus to Corinth" by Ladine B. Housholder is in the category of spiritual growth. Thanks to Marilyn K. Smith for typing all the cards and the book pockets to help shelve these books!

Spring Flower Sale

Spring is right around the corner. The UMW will be sponsoring a flower sale using a new format. During the month of April we will be selling vouchers that can be used at J&J Greenhouse on Folley road in Columbia Station. These are good for many different items at the greenhouse - flats, hanging baskets, pouches, 4" pots, annuals, and vegetables. More info and order forms will be in the April Caller.

Questions? Call Molly Arthur at 440-243-5819.

2018 Roster of Servant Leaders—Church Council

Through the waters of our baptism, God calls each and every one of us to faithful disciples, to grow to maturity in faith, and to engage actively in the ministry of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. As we engage in this ministry together, servant leaders among us are called, equipped, and entrusted with the vital task of managing and using God's gifts through our congregation in the ongoing work of transformation in our community and world. Throughout 2018, please pray for these servant leaders who participate on the Church Council:

Greg Rentsch (chairperson)

Sandy Marek (lay leader and lay member, annual conference)

Tom Marek (chair, Staff Parish Relations Committee)

Condit Dibble (chair, Finance Committee)

Dave Ulman (chair, Board of Trustees)

Terry Kurtz (vice-chair, Nominations and Leadership Development Committee)

Jan Harlamert (treasurer)

Don Moody (lay member, annual conference)

Molly Arthur (UMW president)

Nancy Buehler (chair, Gather Team—worship and fellowship ministries)

Claire Powell (chair of adult ministries, Discipleship Collaborative)

Margaret Proctor (chair of youth ministries, Discipleship Collaborative)

Meredith Kurtz (chair of children's ministries, Discipleship Collaborative)

Bobbie DiNicola (chair, mission ministries)

Carolyn Williams (chair, inviting ministries)

Marge Gorsline (chair, Memorials Committee)

Orley Aten (Stephen Ministry Leader)

Barb Rochford (Stephen Ministry Leader)

Von Smith (at-large member, Church Council)

Chuck Dixon (at-large member, Church Council)

Bill Pierce (at-large member, Church Council)

Ron Teutsch (at-large member, Church Council)

Judy Warnsman (at-large member and secretary, Church Council)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday						
<p style="text-align: center;">Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Email: info@umcb.org, Website: www.umcb.org Phone: 440-234-3525, Fax 440-234-3078</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Staff Phone Extensions</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;">100 - Church Office/Beth Barner <i>(Office Manager)</i></td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;">103 - Joanne Mansfield <i>(Director of Finance)</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">101 - Rev. Dr. Nathan Howe <i>(Pastor)</i></td> <td style="border: none;">104 - Music Staff Office</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">102 - Mark Williams <i>(Facilities Manager)</i></td> <td style="border: none;">105 - Rev. Carrie Antczak <i>(Pastor of Christian Formation and Outreach)</i></td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>For more information about these activities and events, please visit the "Upcoming Events" page of our website - www.umcb.org.</i></p>				100 - Church Office/Beth Barner <i>(Office Manager)</i>	103 - Joanne Mansfield <i>(Director of Finance)</i>	101 - Rev. Dr. Nathan Howe <i>(Pastor)</i>	104 - Music Staff Office	102 - Mark Williams <i>(Facilities Manager)</i>	105 - Rev. Carrie Antczak <i>(Pastor of Christian Formation and Outreach)</i>
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<p>25 Passion/Palm Sunday 8:00 AM Fellowship Hour 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 10:30 AM Traditional Worship 2:30 PM Hapkido 4:00 PM Girl Scouts 4:00 PM Messy Church 6:30 PM Boy Scout Troop # 228</p>	<p>26 Monday of Holy Week 11:00 AM Survivors Fellowship 2:00 PM Theater & Dance 6:30 PM Southwest Community Chorus 7:00 PM Missions & Inviting Ministries 7:30 PM Volleyball</p>	<p>27 Tuesday of Holy Week 9:00 AM Quilters 9:05 AM Tuesday Bible Study 10:05 AM Intercessory Prayer Team 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Cub Scouts #107 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 PM Baldwin Wallace Women's Chorus</p>	<p>28 Wednesday of Holy Week 9:00 AM Caller Assembly 10:00 AM Hanson House TBI Support Group 2:00 PM Theater & Dance 5:30 PM Pickleball 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous</p>						

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3/15/18
Have dinner at
Five Guys
(see page 10)



Christian Formation

Discipleship Collaborative - Ministry with All Ages

This past September, our children’s, youth, and adult formation teams began meeting together as a unified group to collaborate on Christian Faith Formation. Each month, the individual age-level teams meet separately to work on age-specific goals, and then together to collaborate on intergenerational projects. So far, we have found some big gifts in this model: Communication across age groups is improving, goals that work for all ages are forming and coming to fruition, and new ideas are being generated that would not have been possible without this time together.

From November – January teams and the collaborative prayerfully worked on crafting 2020 SMART Goals – or specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and time-bound goals to be completed by the year 2020. These goals will move each ministry forward into faithful practices of making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ. The energy among our teams is contagious as we learn to trust God and take some leaps of faith in strengthening our discipleship ministries.

The teams of the collaborative are open to new friends joining this exciting time for our church. If you feel God’s call on your life to take part in the dreaming and building of our faith formation programs, please let me know. I’d happy to talk with you about becoming involved in the Discipleship Collaborative. Together, God has given us the gifts we need to grow the Kingdom of God in this corner of creation. Please let me know if you are willing and excited to lend your gifts to this mission.

Full of hope in Christ,
Pastor Carrie



Our small group ministry is off to a great start! It is exciting to see friendships form and become deeper as we explore what small community life can bring us. If you have not joined a group yet, please be encouraged to join one yet this Lent. Or if, you’d rather, consider joining after Easter for a fresh series in each group.

Lenten Groups using “One” Series:

Wednesday 7 p.m. Group—led by Tom & Sandy Marek at their home. Contact office for address.

Sunday 9 a.m. Group—led by Claire Powel, in the Chapel.

Sunday 10 a.m. Group—led by Terry Kurtz & Greg Rentsch, in Rm 27.

Other Small Groups:

Homebuilders, see right column for more information

FaithLink, discussing faith and current events, Sundays at 10 a.m. in the Library

Quilters Group, meets Tuesdays 9 a.m. in the Gathering Place. Bring a lunch!

Tuesday Morning Bible Study, meets Tuesdays at 9:05 in room 35, followed by the Intercessory Prayer Group at 10:05 a.m.

Prayer Labyrinth Opportunity

Our Christian life can be described as a journey with God, bringing us ever closer in our relationship with God and with others. A prayer walk labyrinth provides a metaphor model of our Christian life journey as we face many turns we did not expect in our search for a quiet center. Some gently curving sections of the prayer walk allow us to move easily and quickly; others slow us down and catch our attention as they turn us abruptly in the opposite direction. The path may begin by leading us deceptively toward the center, only to circle around it and then move away. On reaching the center of the prayer labyrinth, we can rest, pray, or experience a new meaning to “being centered”. Does this sound interesting, yet familiar to you? We encourage you to experience it.

A prayer labyrinth will be available for prayerful reflection in the Parlor March 5th-10th. There is no right or wrong way to walk this prayer labyrinth.

Simply begin, focusing on a quiet mind and open heart that allows God to accompany you. The following are some simple instructions and suggestions and that will assist you in maximizing the experience.



Homebuilders We are currently discussing the *Wesleyan Way* by Bishop Scott Jones. We’re looking at ideas that we have heard about or learned about in our journey of faith, but maybe haven’t thought about in years. We’re talking about salvation, diversity, transformation, grace and more grace. The mission statement of the United Methodist Church of Berea is *making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world*. What does transformation even look like? And what does all of this mean to those of us who are older adults?

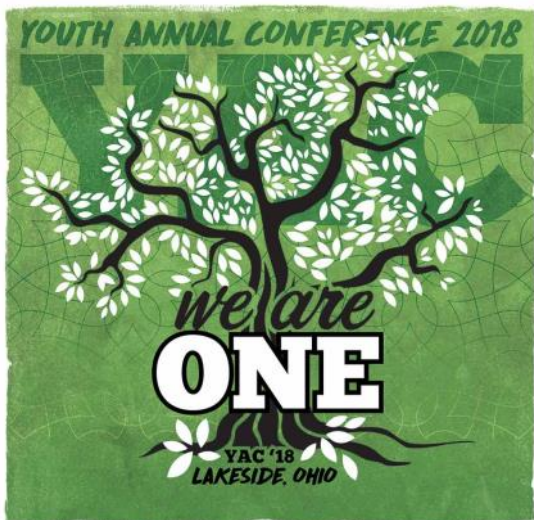
You are always welcome to join the Homebuilders faith community.

Come and join us!

10 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the Parlor.



Christian Formation



June 8-10, 2018

Let Pastor Carrie know by April 1st for early bird price of \$50.

Bible Basketball for 4th-8th Graders

Join us
Thursday evenings from
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Wesley Hall
for fun on the court and faith in the heart!

For questions, contact Dave Ulman.



Read and Grow Book Discussion Group

Join us the second Monday of each month
6:30 - 7:45 p.m. In the Church Parlor

Mar. 12 - "Miracles from Heaven"

by Christy Wilson Beam

A little girl, with an incurable disease, and her amazing story of healing. A powerful, healing story about family, love, faith, and hope.

Apr. 9 - "A Man Called Ove" by Fred Backman

Meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon. Behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness. So when one Nov. morning a chatty young couple with two chatty young daughters move in next door and accidentally flatten Ove's mailbox. It is the lead-in to a comical and heartwarming tale of unkempt cats and unexpected friendship.

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

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

Commission On the Status and Role Of Women

Mary Magdalene was one of the disciples and even they recognized her special place in their infant congregation. *The Book of Mary* was discovered at Nag Hammadi along with the other books which we have for our comfort. Although the complete text is not available, there are some verses that remind us of her role as comforter after Jesus' death. Here are Mary's words that bring us peace after all these years.

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.

Submitted by Jo Swanson



Outreach and Service

SCAN Hunger Pantry Sunday

March 4, 2018 will be the next opportunity to join others in our congregation in the fight against hunger in our area. The SCAN Food Pantry serves persons living in Berea, Brook Park, Middleburg Hts., Olmsted Falls, Strongsville and Columbia Township. SCAN Food Pantry donations from our church are collected all month long in the cupboard just inside the sacristy door and are delivered to SCAN on the first Sunday of each month. SCAN gratefully accepts all non-perishable, unopened, and unexpired food.



Food Collection

There is always a special need for cereal, canned fruit (pears and fruit cocktail), canned vegetables (corn, carrots, beets or mixed vegetable), instant hot beverage mixes (coffee, tea, cocoa), as well as soap, and paper products. Mark your calendars for March 4 and let's make 2018 our most generous year ever!!



Outreach and Service

**Join us for a Messy Easter,
on Palm Sunday, March 25th beginning at 4 pm!**



We will have an Easter Egg Hunt as part of the fun! We need plastic egg donations, as well as small candies and small prizes (stickers, bouncy balls, erasers, etc.). Donations can be placed in the bin at the Outreach Connection Board.

We need Easter Egg Donations!



Be sure to invite your friends for this incredible Easter event that shares the story of new life in Christ! We will pull all of Holy Week into one family-friendly event sharing the love, grace, and promise of new life. Get your feet messy in our painted cross activity, fold a palm cross, find Easter eggs, enjoy a messy dinner, and worship with your friends and neighbors!

Upcoming Ways to Support Youth Work Mission

Rent-a-Youth Rent-a-Crew

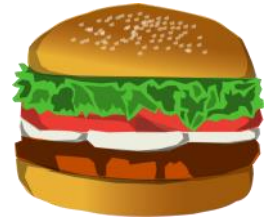


Spring is right around the corner and all that "Spring Cleaning" will soon be upon us. UMCB's Youth Work Mission Team is ready and willing to help you with those jobs. All of the proceeds will help them with their work mission costs this summer.

Let us know if you need a youth or two, or a whole crew, to help you this spring. Contact Clayton Allen with your request at 440-596-7431 or mmsdad88@gmail.com

Let Five Guys Make You Dinner

On March 15, 2018 head to Five Guys to enjoy an evening free of cooking and to help the Youth Work Mission team raise money for their upcoming trip to Rochester, PA this June. There will be flyers available at the church to take with you on this evening.



Nursery Helpers Needed



Looking for a way to share the love of God with our younger families? Please prayerfully consider serving in our church nursery. We would like to build our team of nursery volunteers so as to offer a warm, welcoming, and safe environment for little ones and their families to feel at home at our church. Whether you could serve on a weekly basis, once a month, or as a substitute, your service will be greatly appreciated.

Contact Pastor Carrie for more information.



OhioGuidestone Is Seeking Mentors...

...and you're seeking to use your God-given gifts!

If mentoring is one your gifts, please consider this a Spirit-led nudge! One-on-one mentoring can happen during school hours, after school, or with permission outside of school. You could help a young person set career goals, build character, develop resiliency, and hopefulness for the future! For more information, contact Pastor Carrie.

We hope to schedule an orientation this month – so please let us know that you are interested and your availability.

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Take a step today for stronger communities tomorrow

Do you think you can outrun your pastors?

Do you want to sweat with your church staff for a good cause?

Then join us for a 1 mile walk, or a 5K or 10K run in support of OhioGuidestone! Our team name is "United Methodist Church of Berea" (Clever, huh?). We can't wait to get moving with you Saturday, May 12th at Ohio Guidestone. \$5 off registration if you register ahead.

Visit: www.OhioGuidestone.org/PromiseRun to register and for more information.



Celebrating God's Love in Our Community

Thank you for the many cookies donated to USO. Cookies were taken to the Bob Hope Lounge at the Airport and to the Military Entrance Processing Station on Emerald Parkway. The cookies are available for the men and women entering military service. See the thank you letter on the bulletin board across from the coat rack outside Fellowship Hall. The cookies were much appreciated.

On February 1, 2006, Joanne Mansfield joined the UMCB office staff. Her hard work and dedication throughout the last 12 years are greatly appreciated. Thank you, Joanne.

- Staff-Parish relations Committee

February's loose coin offering for SCAN totaled \$75. The Loose Change Offering on March 11, 2018 will be donated to the Berea Community Meal.

Three students who are members of UMCB were inducted into the Berea-Midpark Chapter of National Honor Society on Wednesday evening, Jan. 31st. This is a very rigorous award and is based on: Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character.

Naomi Jackson, junior, granddaughter of Clare Powell

Alexis Lash, junior, daughter of Melissa Lash and Jeff Lash

Emily Force, senior, daughter of Molly and Dale Force

Congratulations to these students for achieving this high honor.



Easter Flower Order Form

Deadline to Order: March 18, 2018

	<u>Price per 6" pot</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total</u>
Lily (White)	\$7.50	_____	_____
Daffodils (Yellow)	\$5.00	_____	_____
Azalea (Lavender)	\$12.50	_____	_____
Hydrangea (Blue)	\$12.50	_____	_____
Gideon Bible	\$5.00	_____	_____
Grand Total			_____

Will you pick up your flowers?

Yes No

Payment must accompany order. Make checks payable to UMCB.

Your Name: _____
(as you wanted printed on the Easter Flower listing)

Your Phone: _____
(in case we have questions)

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Our Mission

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

