

The United Methodist Church of Berea

THE CALLER

October 2017

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

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In the August 2017 edition of "The Caller," I shared with you briefly about the Four Areas of Focus of The United Methodist Church as areas of ministry which affirm and celebrate that we are the body of Christ *together*. We can do more together than we can alone. Through the United Methodist global connection, our gifts join together with the gifts of United Methodists all around the world to share the love of Christ and extend the embrace of God to all people, everywhere.

This past month, we experienced and participated in the power of our United Methodist connection through your generous response to Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. As a congregation, The UMC of Berea collected more than \$7,800 to support the general relief work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), and we additionally supported UMCOR's work by delivering 18 hygiene kits and 10 cleaning kits to the Eastbrook Mission Barn in New Castle, Pennsylvania, a collection site for relief supplies used by UMCOR. These gifts from our local congregation will be added to those of other United Methodists to make a real difference in the lives of our neighbors. Thank you for your generosity! By God's grace, may our generosity continue to transform the world.

Shalom, Pastor Nathan

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

connects Christian churches globally in the bonds of love and justice.

October 1, 2017

On the first Sunday of October, Christians around the world celebrate this special day, remembering together God's gracious gift of Holy Communion and the faith we share with one another as sisters and brothers in Christ.

As United Methodists, we also have an opportunity to give a special offering, helping to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve. Will you give generously to equip gifted and qualified students from around the world to become the world-changers God created them to be? Please prayerfully consider your generosity.

WATER PROTECTORS, PRAYER, AND THE PIPELINE

October 24 , 7:00-8:30 P.M., UMCB Fellowship Hall Free and Open to the Public

The Gathering at Sacred Stone Camp - When LaDonna Brave Bull Allard issued a cry for help to defend water against the encroaching Dakota Access Pipeline, as many as 10,000 felt the call to stand in unity with her in the months that followed. These people comprised Native Nations from all over the world and with non-Native allies stood in prayer to protect safe, clean drinking water for our present and future generations. We will come together to hear from people who journeyed to Standing Rock for different reasons and came away changed. Panel participants will share a few of the stories they carry with them.

Panelists

Kimberlee Medicine Horn Jackson, *Yankton Sioux Nation*Denise Witkemi Wehupotkis Van Pelt and
Dj Manito Alahun Vanpelt, *United Eastern Lenape Nation*

Steve Plummer Environmental Activist

Sponsored by the East Ohio Native American Ministries Committee, The United Methodist Church

Worship & Fellowship



Pet Blessing: October 7 at 10 am

On Saturday, October 7 at 10 am, all are welcome to join us on the porch on Seminary Street as we give thanks to God for our animal companions and ask God's blessing upon them and us. Please have larger animals on a leash and smaller animals in a carrier.



Commissioning of Stephen Ministers on October 15

October 15 is Laity Sunday, a special day to celebrate the variety of ways God calls all people into ministry in and through the life of the local church. During worship on Laity Sunday this year, we will commission three new Stephen Ministers who have been called by God to this particular form of ministry among us.

Stephen Ministers provide Christian care for people in need; together with Stephen Leaders, they provide a vital role in our life together at The UMC of Berea. Please be with us in worship on October 15 as we celebrate the ministry of all God's people and commission Kevin Scaife, Linda Tucker, and Megan Howe to begin service as Stephen Ministers.

October 1, 2017 17th Sunday After Pentecost, World Communion Sunday	October 8, 2017 18th Sunday After Pentecost	October 15, 2017 19th Sunday After Pentecost	October 22, 2017 20th Sunday After Pentecost	October 29, 2017 21st Sunday After Pentecost
Exodus 17.1-7	Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Exodus 32.1-14	Exodus 33.12-33	Dueteronomy 34.1-12
Psalm 78.1-4, 12-16 (UMH 799)	Psalm 19 (UMH 750)	Psalm 106.1-6, 19-23 (UMH 829)	Psalm 99 (UMH 819)	Psalm 90.1-6, 13-17 (UMH 789)
Philippians 2.1-13	Philippians 3.4 <i>b</i> -14	Philippians 4.1-9	1 Thessalonians 1.1-10	1 Thessalonians 2.1-8
Matthew 21.23-32	Matthew 21.33-46	Matthew 22.1-14	Matthew 22.15-22	Matthew 22.34-46

Worship Assistant Schedule								
	October 1, 2017	October 8, 2017	October 15, 2017	October 22, 2017	October 29, 2017			
8 a.m. Usher	Barb Kuri	Ken Foster	Wayne Tyler	Joanne Mansfield	Barb Kuri			
8 a.m. Liturgist	Joanne Mansfield	Fred Moss	Krista Cole	Helen Rathburn	Bill Hunger			
8 a.m. Communion	Joanne Mansfield Krista Cole							
11:15 a.m. Greeters	Ron & Dorene Larkey	Bobbie DiNicola Barb Swartz	Megan Howe Corky Cline	The Buehler/ McCleery Family	Sam & Mary Jane Weaver			
11:15 a.m. Liturgist	Sandy Marek	Chris Neely	Carol Ann McCleery	Carol Heskett	Bobbie DiNicola			
11:15 a.m. Communion	Sandy Marek Claire Powell Bobbie DiNicola							
Communion Preparation	Vic & Terry Macha							

GATHER

Worship & Fellowship



Please consider joining the Dinner for Eight conversational dinner group this season. We are compiling a list of participants and are always looking for new members.

You will be expected to host one dinner per year and attend three others. The host or hostess provides the main course. The guests provide the side dishes and desserts which are arranged with the host or hostess ahead of time. This is a great opportunity to get to know people over an informal meal.

Give Molly Force a call (440-888-8417) or an e-mail (mforce@berea.k12.oh.us) if you would like more information.

Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, October 15 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. In the Fellowship Hall

\$7 for adults \$3 for kids 10 years old & younger

The Girl Scouts will be serving pancakes, sausages, juice and coffee. There will also be a bake sale.

2017 Thanksgiving Dinner Planning Meeting

For a number of years now, we have hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for the congregation and community on Thanksgiving day. This has been a wonderful opportunity for us to come together and share dinner with our larger family.

If you would like to help plan this year's dinner, please come to an initial meeting in the Library on Wednesday, October 11 at 6:30 p.m.

If you cannot attend that meeting but would like to help, please contact Pastor Nathan (nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101).

Thank you!



World Premiere Composition

Our *arise!* worship leader, Jeremy Piper, will have his composition "Yasparia Warrior Battle" premiered by the BW Brass Choir.

The free concert is at Drinko Recital Hall at Cleveland State University Music and Communications Building, Sunday October 15th at 3:00 p.m.

Church Family Prayer Concerns

Bruce Akins Florence Baker Fran Bobo Lenora Cool Diane Corey Ron Corey Donna Dial Cleda Fletcher Carol Forster Laurie Garvin Karen Grant Pat Harf Jane Jeffery
Marilyn Jelinek
John Kappeler
Betty Kavendar
Janice Kavendar
Margaret McCready
Bernice McHenry
Betty Miller
John Miller
Carl Mollison
Donna O'Brien

Esther O'Hearn

Barb Rochford
Lou Russell
Barbara Scoon
Jeanette Sheneman
Carol Thompson
Victoria Thomson
Wayne Tyler
Kathleen Wargelin
Kenneth Williams
Eva Williamson
Richard Woollett

Currently Serving in the Military

John Cline Carros Chad Droney Nikki (Myers) Droney Eric Elles (Son of Brad)

Jamie Elles (Daughter-in-law of Brad)
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)

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.



Christian Formation

Our Christian Formation year is off to a great start!

Here is a recap of our offerings, and what is still open to those who are ready to take a leap of faith.

This fall, we present to you a new discipleship pathway, prayerfully and thoughtfully designed for our congregation by our Discipleship team. A Disciple's Path is intended as the first step and map for an ongoing discipleship pathway by which every person continually can grow in her or his relationship with God and the church. The goal is Christian formation, i.e. the gracious transformation of our lives into the image and likeness of Christ (Ephesians 4.13)



Getting your feet wet by exploring what a relationship with God looks like for you.



Wading Out into the waters of your baptism to find easy-to-engage opportunities for learning, growing, and building relationships.



Going Deep as a disciple of Jesus Christ, you will embrace your baptism, engage in long-term and ongoing ways to stay committed and critically engaged as disciples at all ages and stages.

This map may be helpful in deciding which Christian Formation opportunity is right for you.

Our classes began in September, but many are still open to new participants.

Weekday Options



Covenant Bible Study is a Bible study with Wesleyan emphasis (for those going deep) that will be starting Mondays in January at Linda Short's home. Please share your interest with Pastor Carrie if you'd like to join.

Read & Grow Book Discussion Group (for those wading out or going deep) meets the second Monday of each month from 6:30-7:45 p.m. in the Church Parlor. See Page 5 for our upcoming book discussions.

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

Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group is a topical Bible Study (for those wading out or going deep) meeting Tuesdays at 9:05 a.m. led by John Kappeler. This Bible study flows into intercessory prayer group at 10:05 a.m.

Sundays at 10 a.m.



Animate is a relevant look at the basics of Christian faith (for those wading out) and is led by Claire Powell in Room 12. This session will run through the

end of October. Stay tuned - the class may extend into November!

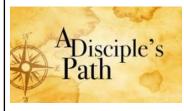
Teaching the Revised Common Lectionary



Feasting on the Word is a Bible study based on the lectionary readings (for those wading out) and is led by Greg Rentsch & Terry Kurtz. This class meets in Room 27 and is open to all on a weekly basis.



FaithLink is a faithful reflection on current events (for those wading out) and is led by a team. They meet in the Library. Check out the bulletin for the upcoming week's topic and join in whenever you feel led.



A Disciple's Path is led by Pastor Nathan. If you are interested in membership or exploring your faith in this class in the futute, please let a pastor know and we will contact you for the next session.

Home Builders continues to meet weekly exploring various faith topics together. Join them anytime in the Parlor. Here are the presenters and topics for October:

October 1 - Sam Lofton, Latin America October 8 - Clayton Allen, Youth Work Mission October 15 - Cindie Moore, Guatamala Missions October 22 & 29 - Greg Rentsch, Healthy Church Initiative

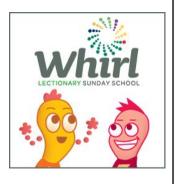
Contemplative Spirituality and Theology Group is led by Mark Collier and explores theological topics and contemplative practices. This group is currently closed, but we would love to know who is interested in starting a second group in January. Please let Mark or Pastor Carrie (cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105) know of your interest.



Christian Formation

Children & Youth

Whirl! Children preschool – 6th grade are exploring the same Bible stories as the adults in worship as they explore the lectionary. If you haven't filled out a registration form for your child yet, please do so using the link on the children's webpage, or by picking up a form from your child's teacher.





Children's Choir – Children are getting ready to share their music on October 8th in the 11:15 a.m. worship service. Practices are at 9:30 a.m. (children travel

from the *arise!* Service), and again at 11 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. Children are then escorted to the children's chat in the 11:15 a.m. worship service, and then up to Exploration Station for the remainder of the service.

Exploration Station Children are invited to explore the Bible's message through science and sensory experiences. Kids are enjoying learning in this hands-on experience.

Collaborate Confirmation 7th – 8th graders have begun their confirmation journey! Using "Collaborate Methodist" as their base curriculum, they are currently



learning about Methodist history and doctrine. They will explore the Old Testament in the next unit. A retreat is planned for this month as well, as our students begin to explore how claiming faith for themselves will shape their lives. Students will be exploring the parables of Jesus

during the retreat. Please keep our students and their leaders in your prayers.

Echo Youth – Youth are diving into Echo the Story – a new curriculum aimed at helping students see the Big Picture of the Bible. They also continue to explore current events together in class.





Commission On the Status and Role Of Women

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine 0 what a foretaste of glory divine!

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long

These words by Fanny Crosby are not heard as often as they were when our church was founded in the early 1800's. Fanny had been worried that she really had not experienced a "conversion experience". At age 30, she attended a Methodist "Camp Meeting" where she felt what she named "a great watershed experience". Whatever it was , her life took on new energy. She had always loved Jesus, however after that time she renewed her song writing becoming the best known hymn writer of her time. Always a Methodist, a She described a hymn as "a song of the heart addressed to God".

- Jo Swanson

Read and Grow Book Discussion



The second Monday of each month from 6:30-7:45 p.m. in the Parlor, join the Read and Grow Group to discuss:

Oct. 9 "Miller's Valley" by Anna Quindlen In a small town on the verge of big change, Mimi unearths deep secrets about her family and unexpected truths about herself. Mimi begins to realize home can be "a place where its just as easy to feel lost as it is to feel content."

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.

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

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Outreach and Service

Garage Sale



Pre-Sale Event

Wednesday, October 11 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 per family



Thursday 10/12/16 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Friday 10/13/16 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.



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Many hands make light work. **All** are encouraged to help. Sign up sheets for volunteers are posted on the UMW bulletin board by the library.

And don't forget to save your items - Donations will be accepted starting after noon on October 8, 2017.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Charge Conference will be on November 4, 2017 starting at 9:30 a.m. at Rocky River UMC.

HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR CHURCH BY DONATING CLOTHES & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS!



Our FUNDrive will be held at:

UMCB's Wesley Hall Saturday, October 14 9a.m. - 1p.m.

and will

benefit: Youth Work Mission Team

we accept:



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learn more:

Clayton Allen
Email mmsdad88@qmail.com
Call or text 440-596-7431



Do you own a van or truck?

In past years, Easter Seals has provided a truck for the "Fill-a-Truck" fundraiser. While they no longer provide trucks, they still allow us donate the items as a fundraiser. We just need to get the items to the drop off location in Fairview Park.

If you have a truck or van and would be willing to help transport the donated items on Saturday, October 14, 2017 in the afternoon, your help would be most appreciated. Please contact Clayton Allen at 440-596-7431 or mmsdad88@gmail.com to volunteer or with any questions.

September 2017

Outreach and **Service**

Could you be a Friendly Visitor?



New Opportunity to Serve and Connect—Friendly Visitors

At The UMC of Berea, we have a large number of members who no longer are able to be present with us physically because they are homebound or otherwise restricted in their transportation. If you would enjoy getting to know some of these wonderful people who are a valuable part of our church family, please prayerfully consider becoming a "Friendly Visitor." Your time commitment can range from once per week to once per month.

If you would like to serve in this way, know someone in our congregation who would benefit from a friendly visit, or would like to learn more, please contact Pastor Nathan (nhowe@umcb.org or 440.234.3525, ext. 101) for more information.

College Council will be sending care packages to our college students in October. Please submit an updated address for your college student to the church office.

The deadline is October 10, 2017.



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.

Feeling crafty?

We would love to display your handmade donations (for example: baked goods, blankets, candy, Christmas decorations, jewelry, knitting, ornaments) to sell. The proceeds will benefit UMW missions.

Feeling like a Master Chef?

Cook up your favorite chili recipe and we'll add it to our menu selection for supper.

Feeling creative?

Gather items for a gift basket and add to our silent auction. We'll even wrap it for you! Our three missions will benefit from your generosity. If you have any questions, please contact Carol McCleery or any member of UMW's Board. More details will be in the next Caller and future Sunday bulletins.

Thank you, in advance, for your encouragement and support.

Benefit Concert for SCAN Hunger Center Pantry

October 8, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

Gamble Auditorium at Baldwin Wallace University 96 Front Street, Berea

HELP FEED PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITITES

Featuring: Front Porch, Mr. Sun's Echo, and BW Conservatory faculty and students

Tickets: \$10/\$5 bw.edu/tickets or (440) 826-8070

Bring non-perishable food items or make continuing donations to: SCAN Hunger Center, C/O Director, 7327 Markal Drive, Middleburg Heights, OH 44130

Southwest Community Area Network (SCAN) **Food Pantry**

SCAN Sunday is the first Sunday of each month. SCAN requests food donations that children can fix for themselves during holiday breaks, such as flip open tops on canned fruit, spaghettio's, soup, etc., individual serving puddings and fruit cups, microwave mac and cheese, etc.

SCAN is also collecting 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

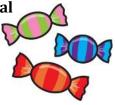
holiday meal.

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

Outreach and Service

Berea Harvest Festival

October 14th from 12-3 pm, UMCB will participate in Berea's Harvest Festival, sharing sugary treats and promoting Messy Church with a messy activity (see below).



Please support this hospitality opportunity by donating candy now through October 8th. Interested in serving at this event? All ages welcome - this a great opportunity for parents and children to serve together! Contact Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.



Work Camp Informational Meeting

Join us October 29th at 4:00 pm at UMCB for the 2018 Work Camp Informational Meeting. Youth and all adults interested in serving should attend this meeting. Our next meeting will be in January. Please contact Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105 if you have questions.



Operation Hello

Ioin us on November 5th between worship services to express your appreciation and prayers with those serving in the military. Supplies for cards to share encouragement and gratitude will be provided.

Do you know of someone actively serving or training for the military? Please share their name and address with Pastor Carrie so that we can be sure to send them love and blessings. You may make cards ahead of time to bring to the church on or before November 5th.



Book Buddies at Grindstone Elementary

Calling all Book Buddies! Please prayerfully consider joining the Book Buddy program at Grindstone Elementary School this year. It's a simple as sharing a book with a kindergartner or 1st grader, and more meaningful than you can imagine. You are not just sharing a story - you're sharing your heart. If



you're available in the early afternoon during the day, and can commit to buddy time once a week through the school year, we would love for you join us in sharing friendship and learning with our local school children. Registration forms available on the Outreach board, or by contacting Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.



Messy Church - Coming Soon!

What is messy church?

- It's a way of being church for families involving fun
- It's found across the world
- It purposely invites neighbors without church experience to explore faith life.

It's values are about being Christ-centered, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.

Life is messy – and so is church. For people who have not been to church, or haven't been to church in a while for a variety of reasons, entering a church for a typical Sunday may be intimidating.

The Messy Church experience seeks to provide the most visitor-friendly experience a potential new disciple can have. It says "life is messy – and that's ok" as well as "church is messy, and that's ok too." With literally messy activities, a showand-tell style worship experience, and communal meal, new friends learn that life, church, and faith can be messy, and meaningful.

As we begin our "messy" adventure, we hope you'll pray for direction, as well as if you might be called to join our team, led by Carolyn Williams, and supported by the Discipleship Collaborative (Children, Youth, and Adult councils). We need adults, youth, and children to serve as hosts and cooks, as well as a small team for planning.

Contact Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105 if you want to get messy with us!

Messy Church opens **Sunday**, **November 5**th **from 4-6 pm**. We'll have invite cards and social media coming soon so you can help spread the word. Come as a participant, bring your friends and neighbors, and get ready to get messy!



Celebrating Christ's Love in Our Community

Dear Friends,

We appreciate all your prayers, cards, and visits over the past several years for our parents. We also appreciate the expressions of caring we have received since their passing. Our parents loved the church and centered their lives on it. We are grateful for all the love and support you gave them over the years.

> Peace, Bill, George, & James Graham and Family

My sincere thanks to you all for your prayers, cards and notes of encouragement. Because of you I have truly felt I am held in the palm of His hand.

Here is an update on my continuing journey through an ankle fusion:

Tuesday the first cast was removed along with the stitches. The Dr. was pleased with what he saw. A new cast was put on for 3 more weeks of healing and non weight bearing. Bless Bruce who has been my extraordinary caregiver throughout this journey.

Blessings, Bruce and Carol Forster



September's Loose Change offering for the Sayler Christmas Shop at OhioGuidestone was \$117.50.

October's Loose Change offering will be collected on October 8th for UNICEF.



Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Did you know that "1 in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime"?

Did you also know that "boys who witness domestic violence are twice as likely to abuse their own partners and children when they become adults"?

Men are also victims of domestic violence. "Domestic violence is not just a women's issue. It is an issue of faith."

(Sources: United Methodist Women and Faith Trust Institute websites)

One of the United Methodist Women's issue focus areas is domestic violence. Ways you can help include prayer, being informed about what it is and who it can affect, being aware of those who might be in danger and sharing information with others about this important social issue. You will notice a poster and information cards posted in the restrooms around the building. Please read the information and share the cards as you are able. More information is posted on the UMW bulletin board.

"Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress... I have become like a broken vessel... But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, 'You are my God." — Psalm 31:9-14

Thanks for caring for God's children.

Submitted by Wendy Jelinek for United Methodist Women

Cleveland Clinic Panel Discussion

Heroin, Fentanyl and Carfentanil: The Triple Threat on Our Doorstep

is a series of panel discussions that bring residents, community partners and local experts together to engage in open conversation about the opioid epidemic. These events empower community members by connecting them to the resources and information they need to combat the opioid crisis.



Wednesday, October 18, 2017

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.: Registration, Resource Tables **7:00 - 9:00 p.m.:** Discussion with the Experts; O & A Session to Follow

Gamble Auditorium

BW Conservatory of Music 49 Seminary Street Berea, OH 44017

Registration is **REQUIRED**.

Go to www.clevelandclinic.org/TripleThreat to register online.

For information, call Rosemary Miles, RN, at (440) 331-0618.

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