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Celebrating God's Love in Our Community

2018 Confirmation Class

Received into Membership on May 20, 2018:

Elyssa Ulman, Megan Moore, Jenna Wood, Sam Allen,
Sarah Andrews, Brendan Akins, Zachary Potts, and Owen Swartz .



This month, we celebrate the anniversary of Jeremy Piper joining the UMCB staff. Thank you, Jeremy, for seven years of leadership and dedication.

- Staff-Parish Relations Committee

"Thanks to all of you who took time to send cards, e-mails, and words of encouragement during my recent car accident (April 28) resulting in a fractured ulna and severely lacerated left arm. Thank you for your prayers and visits, as well. Since I am left-handed, and still in a cast and cannot drive, I am getting a lot of practice printing with my right arm! I am very grateful for your steadfast concern,"

Molly Force

May's Loose Change Offering for the Berea Community Meal totaled \$91.

The Loose Change Offering on June 10, 2018 will be donated to the University Circle Luncheon Program.



The luncheon provides a substantial meal (and possibly left-overs) to those who may be running low or out of food at the end of the month. The next Neighborhood Luncheon will be on June 24. The volunteer sign-up sheet is posted between the restrooms across from Room 12. Volunteers are always welcome to contribute or to help prepare and serve the meals to the guests at the University Circle United Methodist Church.

UMW Garage Sale & Mission Update

Our missions say a BIG thank you to all. UMW's Spring Garage Sale was a HUGE success. The Bake Sale was our most profitable to date; all \$321 will help support our "Stoves for Guatemala" mission. West Side Community House receives \$349, 10% of our total profit. Our Youth Mission received \$311 for the unsold items. Great job!



Join us in celebrating our High School Graduates during worship on Sunday, June 3, 2018

Celebrating the Life of Bernice McHenry

Sunday, June 10 at 2:30 p.m. UMCB Sanctuary

You are invited to join the McHenry family for a reception and sharing of memories following the service in the Gathering Place and Fellowship Hall.

Birthday Potluck June 3



Do you have a birthday in June? We'd love to celebrate with you at the June Birthday Potluck!

Join us after the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 3!

Bring your covered dish, snack tray, slow cooker, pie tin, etc. with you. We will celebrate in fellowship and of course have birthday cake!

United Methodist Bishops Recommend a Way Forward

Discerning a way forward for The United Methodist Church in our ongoing conversation about issues related to human sexuality, our Council of Bishops has announced that it will recommend the "One Church Plan" to the Special General Conference scheduled to meet in February 2019. This plan intends to maintain the unity of The UMC

by giving United Methodists the ability to address different missional contexts in ways that reflect their theological convictions. The One Church Plan removes the restrictive language of The Book of Discipline and adds assurances to pastors and conferences who due to their theological convictions cannot perform same-sex weddings or ordain self-avowed practicing homosexuals.

(quoted from the Council of Bishops' press release on May 4, 2018)

All of this remains preliminary. More details will be provided in a final report which is estimated to be released in early July 2018. After that final report is released, delegates to the 2019 General Conference from our East Ohio Conference will hold "listening sessions" to provide clergy and laity the opportunity to engage with the proposed legislation together. The closest listening session for us will be at Aldersgate UMC (in Warrensville Heights) on Tuesday, November 6 at 6:30 pm.

Please continue to pray for this process as it moves forward. And, as our Bishop Tracy S. Malone has encouraged us, "let us remain steadfast and remember that across the years Methodism has been confronted with many challenges but, by the grace of God, has forged ahead and not lost sight of her mission. And our mission is yet alive!" (quoted from Bishop Malone's reflections on May 7, 2018).



Come out and cheer on the UMCB Softball team.

June 3 @ 3:30 p.m. versus Grace Wine Cross Field

June 10 NO GAME

June 17 @ 4:30 p.m. versus Brunswick UMC Cross Field

June 24 @ 6:30 p.m. versus Grace Royal Cross Field

The fields are by the Strongsville Recreation Center.



Worship & Fellowship

The 48th Annual Strawberry Festival

Tuesday, June 5, 2018, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

The 48th Annual Strawberry festival is right around the corner! Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, June 5 for this year's celebration. Please consider giving a small amount of your time to help out. You do not have to work the whole night and you will receive a FREE dish of strawberries and ice cream for your service!

A list of things you can volunteer for are:

- Cooking the night before the event*
- Make jello or cupcakes*
- Cut up strawberries*
- Ice cream & strawberry scoopers*
- Serve food*
- Cashier*
- Hot dog cookers*
- Clean up crew*



As you can see, this takes a lot of people to be successful! This is a community event that is very well attended. Look for the sign up board in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Jill Bush, 440-667-3182

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



- 1900** - The First Methodist Episcopal Church structure was erected on the corner of Spring and Seminary Street. It was dedicated on June 20, 1900. It had a capacity of 600 and advertised "free seats: for all services". The cost of the structure was \$22,000.00.
- 1952** - The new sanctuary was completed. It was dedicated on November 9, 1952.
- 1976** - The first Mission Festival was held, the theme was "Methodism in Ohio".
- 1983** - The sacristy was completed and dedicated in memory of James C. Toedtman.
- 1986** - The inception of our Stephen Ministry program.



Does your UMCB ministry team or group have an event to share or an idea for a Caller article? We'd love to hear from you!

The **15th** of the month is the submission deadline for the next month's Caller. To contribute, call the UMCB office at 440-234-3525 x100 or info@umcb.org.

<u>June 3, 2018</u> Second Sunday after Pentecost	<u>June 10, 2018</u> Third Sunday after Pentecost	<u>June 17, 2018</u> Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	<u>June 24, 2018</u> Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
1 Samuel 3.1-20 Psalm 139.1-6, 13-18 (UMH 854) 2 Corinthians 4.5-12 Mark 2.23-3.6	1 Samuel 8.4-20 Psalm 138 (UMH 853) 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1 Mark 3.20-35	1 Samuel 15.34-16.13 Psalm 20 or Psalm 72 (UMH 795) 2 Corinthians 5.6-10, (11-13), 14-17 Mark 4.26-34	1 Samuel 17.1a, 4-11, 19-23, 34-49 Psalm 9.9-20 (UMH 744) 2 Corinthians 6.1-13 Mark 4.34-41



Church Family Prayer Concerns

Bruce Akins
Janice Arnold
Fran Bobo
Donna Dial
Cleda Fletcher
Molly Force
Laurie Garvin
Karen Grant
Pat Harf
Marilyn Jelinek

John Kappeler
Betty Kavendar
Janice Kavendar
Hack Lloyd
Joyce McGee
Betty Miller
John Miller
Donna O'Brien
Esther O'Hearn
Barb Rochford

Lou Russell
Barbara Scoon
Jeanette Sheneman
Russ Simon
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*)
Ben Lebrun
Matthew Metzger
Zachary New (*Grandson of Bob & Jackie King*)



We reach out in Christian sympathy and love to...

...the Baker family on the passing of Florence Baker on Friday, May 11, 2018. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at Baker, Osinski-Kesinger Funeral Home.

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.

Starting June 1, 2018, the Prayer Concerns list will be updated by removing names that have been listed for a significant time without any contact or new information. It is not our intention to remove anyone still in need of prayers. If you notice your name or that of a loved one has been removed and further prayers are needed, please contact the church office or Pastor Nathan. Thank you.



Small Groups Continue to Grow

While some groups are taking a break over the summer, some groups are just getting started! Contact Pastor Carrie to learn about groups meeting over the summer, or to share your interest and availability for the fall.

What's small group life like? It's about doing life together, which is a beautiful, and sacred experience.

"How it felt to be in this small group was wonderfully spiritual and bonding. Being an only child I had no siblings to confide in or be close to. I now have a group of sisters that truly love each other and want to be part of each other's lives. To support, encourage, nurture and openness."

- Sandy Marek

New! In-the-Word Small Group

Dig into the lectionary texts a little deeper in this 20-minute devotional group that will meet at 9 a.m. (or after the 8 a.m. worship service.) Led by Rev. Linda McCowen and Claire Powell, begins June 3. Meet them on the porch on Seminary Street, or in the parlor if weather is inclement.

Other Groups Continue to Meet over the Summer

E.N.O. (Empower.Nurture.Oneness.)—led by Tom & Sandy Marek at their home.

Quilters Group meets Tuesdays 9 a.m. in the Gathering Place.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 9:05a.m. in room 13, followed by prayer group at 10:05 a.m.

Parkside Villa Bible Study—led by Rev. Linda McCowen at Parkside Villa at 2:30 p.m. on June 4, 18, July 2, 16. (Open to residents, staff, and UMCB community.)

Knitting for Newborns—led by Kathy Zacharyasz, Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Café Ah-Roma

Parents Small Group—led by Meredith Kurtz and Julie Swartz—meeting periodically over summer. Contact Meredith at 440-793-6104 at for details.

Homebuilders, Feasting on the Word, and FaithLink will resume in September, and we hope to launch a few more groups as well!

Healing From The Losses of Life

We are offering an opportunity to participate in a healing process from losses in life. One of the most difficult adjustments we experience is to lose an important part of who we are. This includes a loved one or pet, our health, employment or status and financial stability. Life changes, and how do we manage or adapt? Our emotions reflect the pain, confusion, and fears regarding an uncertain future.

Starting in July we are offering a special adult learning class as part of our small group ministry on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00pm starting July 18th for 6 weeks.

Our supportive group will cover many of the following issues and will be in a combination teaching and discussion format. Here are the issues:

- Coping with the emotions related to the losses in life
- The Stages of Grief and Loss Leading to Healing
- Identifying One's new identity in Christ—"Stinking Thinking" Beliefs about self
- Where is God in this? Why do bad things happen to good people?
- Adapting and Moving Forward

We all are faced with many struggles throughout life. God promises us that he will never give us more than we can handle. Often, we forget all that he provides for us in ways that we may not even be aware of until we look back. God provides circumstances that help us to grow in our faith to live out the life that he has chosen for us in a God honoring manner.

I look forward to seeing you in our special small group learning class. Please call The United Methodist Church of Berea and provide your indication of interest to Pastor Nathan Howe or email him at nhowe@umcb.org at the church to register. The cost is \$10.00 for educational materials.

Yours in Christ,
David R. Spann LISW LICDC
Facilitator/Teacher



ReNew Week hosts "UpCycle Parts Shop" and needs your donations!

ReNew week is glad to bring "UpCycle Parts Shop" for the Thursday adult session. Participants will learn about upcycling and get to create their own project. This company collects used items that be "up-cycled" into art, crafts, or other creative project. If you can donate any of the below items (bin near outreach board), we would love to support their effort. Thank you!

- Ribbon, string, yarn
- Fabric & sewing supplies
- Clear bags & plastic boxes that store flat
- Maps of everywhere
- Crochet, knitting & sewing needles
- Wine corks
- Marbles & round flat glass marble-like pieces
- Telephone wire, bendable wire
- Buttons & small vintage treasures
- Leather scraps
- Specialty paper
- Glue & tape (all types)
- Stickers, sticky paper, labels
- Jewelry wire & findings & beads
- Broken or functional jewelry
- Clean chopsticks, clothespins, popsicle sticks
- Game pieces, parts, playing cards
- Paper clips, brads, rubber bands
- Glitter, bells, balls, bobbins, etc.
- Craft paint & paintbrushes
- Trophies & plaques
- Wire hangers (all wire, no tubes in middle)
- Burlap coffee sacks
- Interesting non-toxic industrial scraps



Children Learning the Apostles' Creed

While we will not have children's Sunday School over the summer, children will be working on one their faith goals: learning the Apostles' Creed. Over the course of the summer, our children will be learning about the Creed during the children's sermons. Support materials for parents and activity books for children will be available in June to assist families in learning the Creed and why we do so. This is a great time for adults to get a refresher too!

Commission On the Status and Role Of Women



Graduation time is exciting and as we wish our students well whether in grade school, high school, or college, let us recognize those who have led the way. Jill Cornell Tarter is one of these trail blazers. As director of SETI she scans the universe with a 1,000 radio telescope to search the heavens for intelligent life. Her work was illustrated in Carl Sagan's novel **Contact** and Jodie Foster's character in the movie version of the novel is said to be "largely based" on Tarter's work. We on earth can also search the heavens and be assured that God keeps us safe as we journey through life.

Submitted by Jo Swanson



RENEW



July 9 - 13
6-8 p.m.

Grow in Faith. Have Fun. Change the World.

Imagine disciples from all generations gathered around dinner tables and gathered together for worship. Imagine children heading outside and upstairs for a Vacation Bible School style experiences. Imagine adults gathered together to explore faithful stewardship of the earth and our communities. Imagine having a conversation across the generations about God's work and plans for creation, and how we can be a part of this vision.

This event is for disciples of all ages. There will be childcare for ages 3 and younger. The children's program is open to age 3-6th grade. The adult's program is open to 7th grade and older. Each night, we will gather at 6 p.m. for dinner and worship, then move out to adult and children's activities, then come back together for worship and blessing. We'll conclude by 8 p.m.

Children will have a Vacation Bible School-like experience using "ReNew" by Sparkhouse publishers - the same group that we use for Sunday School.

Adults will reflect on personal discipleship and creation, outreach opportunities, our social creed as United Methodists, and learn about our global mission partnerships. Youth are invited to volunteer with the children, or participate with the adults.

On Friday, we'll have a fun day all together celebrating and imagining living together in harmony at the OhioGuidestone Farm! We will witness and have the opportunity to receive baptism or baptism renewal. We will also have a cook-out and offer a camp-out experience for all of those who want to connect with nature overnight.

We will be grounded in Christ, and renewed by the Spirit as we explore what it means to plant seeds, take root, grow, face challenges, and live together.

Volunteers are greatly appreciated and needed. Contact Pastor Carrie to learn about the various opportunities to support this program.

Cost is \$20 per participant, with a \$50 family cap. Scholarships are available.
Registration for Youth volunteering in the children's program is FREE.

Register today online at www.umcb.org/renew-week-2018/.

Adult name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Home congregation (if any): _____

Please list any allergies (including food allergies) the staff should be aware of:

Will you be joining us for dinner? YES NO

- Are you able to help with...
- Set up for VBS
 - Set up for dinner
 - Cooking for dinner
 - Clean up at end of session
 - Carpooling minors

Turn over for Child and Youth Registration.

Child's name: _____ Age: _____ Last School Grade Completed: _____
Please list any allergies (including food allergies) the staff should be aware of:

Will this child be joining us for dinner? YES NO

Youth's name: _____ Age: _____ Last School Grade Completed: _____
Please list any allergies (including food allergies) the staff should be aware of:

This youth chooses to: Volunteer at kid's VBS Attend Adult Formation
Will this child be joining us for dinner? YES NO

Parent/Guardian name: _____
Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____
E-mail address: _____ Home congregation (if any): _____
In case of emergency (if parent/guardian cannot be reached) please contact:
Name: _____
Phone: _____ Relationship to child: _____
Person who will be picking up the child/youth each day:
Name: _____
Phone: _____ Relationship to child _____
Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Additional Registration Forms available outside Room 12
or register online at www.umcb.org/renew-week-2018/



Outreach and Service

How do you "Go"?

The Mission Committee is working a goal that you can help us with! They want to create, share, and build a database of lay-supported missions and ministries. We have begun a list which you can see here. We are doing this to get a big picture of how our church is in mission in the community – locally and regionally. We believe that a public list will encourage people to jump into new service once they know who they can contact for information. It will also help the ministries YOU care about and are invested in to grow!

This is very much a beginning list. We hope YOU will contact us to add how YOU are serving in the community. The bigger hope is that our scope and reach of ministry will broaden as seek to “transform the world for Jesus Christ.” Please share with Pastor Carrie how you are serving, where you serve, and if we may share your contact information.

In-reach Ministries	Main contact name	Email	Phone
Acolytes	Pastor Carrie	cantczak@umcb.org	440-234-3525
Greeters	Dorene Larkey & Sandy Marek	rodokey@sbcglobal.net	440-234-9952
Hospitality Liaisons	Pastor Nathan	nhowe@umcb.org	440-234-3525
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Office Volunteers	Elizabeth Barner	ebarner@umcb.org	440-234-3525
United Methodist Women	Betsy Meikle	meiklebj@juno.com	440-243-5767
Ushers	Brad Elles	brad777@att.net	440-826-4140

Out-reach Ministries	Main contact name	Email	Phone
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Christian Women for Development of Guatamala	Cindie Moore	cindiemoore@yahoo.com	440-506-7824
Gideon Society	John Kappeler	kappelerjohn@hotmail.com	440-234-5985
Grindstone Elemenatry School Book Buddies	Pastor Carrie	cantczak@umcb.org	440-234-3525
Habitat for Humanity	Tom Marek	cmarek@att.net	440-234-6858
Hanson House	Lorrie Hanson & Joann Boggs	joannboggs@aol.com	L: 440-234-8850 J: 440-234-6723
Messy Church	Carolyn Williams	weaseltv@msn.com	440-570-2913
<u>OhioGuidestone</u>			
Christmas Shop	Marge & Jack Saylor	saylorjack@aol.com	440-234-1952
Market Farm	Roy Mallarnee	mallarnee@sbcglobal.net	440-234-0701
Mentors	Pastor Nathan	nhowe@umcb.org	440-234-3525
SCAN	Marilyn & Ken Foster	fosterkm@wowway.com	440-243-5689
Summer Lunch program for children	Bobbi DiNicola	bdinicola@wowway.com	440-668-5035
University Circle UMC Community Luncheon	Claire Powell	CEPOhio@sbcglobal.net	440-234-7625
USO - Cookie Collection	Carol Kappeler		440-234-5985
Youth Work Mission	Clayton Allen	mmhouse9497@gmail.com	440-596-7431



2019 Mission at UMCOR Sager Brown in Louisiana
March 3-15, 2019

Are you interested?

We will have an information meeting Tuesday June 5 at
7 p.m. at the UMCB after the Strawberry Festival.



Send Youth Work Mission with some love!

The Youth Work Mission team departs June 24th for their mission to Hosanna Industries in Rochester, PA. What does Hosanna Industries do? "When every family lives in dignity, every roof is tight, and every furnace burns safely; when no one goes to sleep cold or hungry or scared; when every child has a yard and a kitchen and a bed- then we'll put down our hammers and demonstrate our faith in some other way. Until then, the green trucks are heading down the road to the next project."

We are very excited to partner with this origination and cherish your support. Here's what you can do:

Pray for us. Please pray for safety, opportunities to share love and hope, and for a meaningful experience for both our missionaries and those we are serving. If you'd like to pray for a specific missionary, contact Pastor Carrie for a name of a youth or adult leader you can hold in prayer.

Contribute financially. If you haven't had the opportunity yet to support work mission, a simple financial contribution can help finish off our fundraising and continue to make it possible for youth all of all ages and situations to participate. Donations can be made through the church office or in the offering with "Youth Work Mission" on an envelope or in the memo line of a check.

Donate food items. We will be cooking our own meals on this mission, so please see the list of items to the right that can be donated to reduce our budget. Attach your name to the item and we'll be sure to pray for YOU when you enjoy your donation!

Youth Work Mission Food Wish List

- 2 boxes 32 Individual snack packs
- 5 Family size variety packs cereal bars
- 2 Large Variety pack sweet treats
(i.e. mini Oreos, Chips Ahoy, etc.)
- 2 Large boxes Cereal
- 3 Canisters Wet Ones
- 3 16-packs Fruit Cups
- 3 16-packs Applesauce cups
- 4 Large boxes juice boxes (100% juice preferred)
- 3 100-packs heavy duty paper plates
- 1 500-pack napkins
- 4 100-packs of plastic drink cups
- 2 sets of 200 plastic ware (K/F/S)
- 150 zipper sandwich bags
- 2 rolls paper towels
- 2 3-litre jugs 100% juice
- Grape jelly
- Strawberry jelly
- 2 Large jars Peanut butter
- Flour
- Sugar
- Coffee
- 100 paper lunch bags
- 50 Coffee Cups
- Mayo
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- 3 pounds of Spaghetti Noodles
- Powdered Sugar
- Syrup
- 2 pounds elbow macaroni
- Large bag puffed rice cereal
- 4 Dozen fresh baked cookies



Outreach and Service

Turn your LOVE OF GOLF into SERVICE FOR OTHERS

16th Annual HansonHouse Golf Outing & Banquet

Friday June 15, 2018 at Briarwood Gold Club
9 a.m. shotgun start



Making it possible for HansonHouse to continue to fulfill their mission.
To empower individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury to enhance:

- ⇒Self-Determination
- ⇒Personal Growth
- ⇒Community Involvement and Service
- ⇒Independence and Productivity.

Registration forms available in the church office or
by calling HansonHouse at 440-234-9900 (Please Leave Message.)



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Upcoming District Events

July 21-23
Mission U

Gathering at Mt. Union
in Alliance, OH.

Topics include focus groups, youth
activities, and spiritual growth.

September 22
Fall District Meeting

Church of the Saviour
DS Steve Bailey-speaker



The book **Hiding in the Light: Why I Risked Everything to Leave Islam and Follow Jesus**, which was on the New York Times bestseller list, is in the category of "Education for Mission" in our UMW reading program.

The author, Rifqa Bary, was raised in a very restrictive Muslim home, and when her family moved to the U.S. and she attended a public school, she met some Christian friends. Secretly, she began to accompany them to youth meetings, and she was delighted with the message of freedom of choice that she learned there. Without her parents' knowledge, she decided to be baptized at the age of 16, even though her Christian friends advised her to wait until she was a legal adult (age 18). When her parents found out that she had been baptized, her father threatened to kill her if she didn't return to Islam. So, she ran away from home and stayed with Christian friends who were then accused of kidnapping because she was a minor.

This book details the very public court battles and complications involved until she eventually was allowed to stay with a foster family. Today she still will not disclose her location because of her fear of retribution, but she has a deep, sincere Christian faith, which has helped her survive.

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Our Mission

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

