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JOIN WITH US IN HELPING TO FEED THE KIDS THIS SUMMER!

JULY 30 - AUGUST 3

Since summer vacation is underway, children who receive free or reduced school breakfasts and lunches run the risk of going hungry as their families may need assistance in the summer. We are partnering for the second year with many other Berea churches and organizations to 'Feed the Kids' this summer, and we again need your help! This year, we are sharing the week with Christian Women in Action, connected with Peoples' Church.

Lunch distribution locations include Peoples' Church and St. Mary School front covered entrance way. We believe the new St. Mary School distribution site may give closer access to more children than previous years. Lunches will be directed to Berea school children, OhioGuidestone and Olmsted Falls Lenox School as part of their blessings in a backpack program.

Our week to provide lunches is Monday, July 30 through Friday, August 3. We anticipate about 70 lunches will be distributed each day. Brown bag lunches for the 'Kids' include: a PBJ or luncheon meat sandwich, juice box or water, fruit snack or fruit, crunchy snack or a cookie.

We are asking for donations beginning now through July 25. Collection boxes will be located near the Seminary Street entrance. Any leftover donations will be shared with Youth ministries and SCAN. Donations requested include:

- small juice boxes or small water bottles
- peanut butter
- jelly
- bags of fruit
- fruit snacks
- individual sized crunchy snacks
- individual sized cookies
- sandwich sized zip-top bags

We will need the following volunteers each day:

- 5 to assemble lunches
- 1 or 2 to deliver lunches to St. Mary's School
- 3 to distribute lunches at St Mary's School.

Lunches will be assembled in our Parlor beginning at 10:15 AM, the week of Monday, July 30 through Friday, August 3... making sandwiches and inserting the various items in the brown bags. Lunches will be delivered to St. Mary School by 11:45 AM with children picking up lunches between 12:00 Noon and 1:00 PM.

Watch for the sign-up poster in the Narthex by July 8.

Thank you for your donations and/or volunteering your time!

Please contact Bobbie DiNicola at bdinicola@wowway.com or 440-668-5035 for more information.



OUTREACH AND SERVICE

Help Make a Difference for Back-to-School

July 1 - August 1

UMCB is excited to partner with OhioGuidestone to provide back-to-school supplies for children and young adults who cannot afford to spare the income to purchase school supplies. Help us alleviate the stresses of back-to-school shopping by donating some of the following items in the bin marked "Back-to-School" by the outreach board:

- #2 pencils
- highlighters
- markers & crayons
- blunt-tipped scissors
- erasers
- calculators
- spiral notebooks
- blue/black ballpoint pens
- folders
- glue sticks
- three-ring binders

Please contact Bobbie DiNicola at bdinicola@wowway.com or 440-668-5035 for more information.



THE CALLER

LIBRARY HELP NEEDED

A Call for Help! Do you like to read? Have you noticed all the lovely books in our church library? We need someone who would be willing to spend a few hours a month helping organize the library! Since our librarian, Janice Arnold, retired last fall, Marilyn K. Smith and Betsy Meikle have been volunteering to shelve books, but we really need someone to take charge and make some decisions about new books which are being donated and older books which might need to be removed!

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact Pastor Nathan at nhowe@umbc.org or 440-234-3525 x101, Marilyn K. Smith at mkpaintsmith@gmail.com or 440-331-7787, or Betsy Meikle at meiklebj@juno.com or 440-243-5767.

SCAN HUNGRY CENTER PANTRY FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAYS

SUNDAY, JULY 1 AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

Summer donations are generally less plentiful than other times, but unfortunately hunger does not take a vacation. Please mark your calendars and help us to do our part in filling the SCAN pantry shelves. Requested for both July and August is breakfast and lunch food that children can easily prepare for themselves when parents are working.

Some suggestions would be:

- Breakfast Essentials (a powder to mix with milk)
- Breakfast bars
- Pop-tarts
- Easy open flip top cans of ravioli, beefaroni, etc.
- Individual microwave macaroni and cheese cups
- Single serving cups of fruit
- Applesauce
- Pudding
- Nabisco cheese or peanut butter crackers, etc.

Of course, cereal, canned fruit, and paper and laundry products are always needed as well. Your help is always greatly appreciated.

For more information, please contact Marilyn Foster at fosterkm@wowway.com or 440-243-5689.

OUR MINISTRIES ARE GROWING... WHERE IS GOD CALLING YOU TO JUMP IN?

There's a lot happening, praise God! And with our ministries growing, you may be asking yourself where you could best be of service. While there are many opportunities, I'd like to highlight two opportunities for you to take a "leap of faith" and jump into.

- Pastor Carrie

CHURCH AND SOCIETY

This team focuses on social justice and how we can live out our call to care for creation as a whole as a congregation. If you're one to watch the news, and say, "Hey, someone should do something about that!" Or "I wonder what could be done..." then this team may be for you. Next meeting - July 21 at 9:30 AM in the Parlor.

To learn more, contact Wendy Jelinek at snowleopard7001@yahoo.com or 440-826-9027.

INVITING MINISTRIES

This team focuses on radical hospitality to both visitors and our current members and friends. More than visitor friendliness, this group asks, "How can we connect people in authentic friendships? How can we encourage people to be engaged and serving in our church and community?"

To learn more, contact Carolyn Williams at weaseltv@msn.com or 440-570-2913.

If there are other areas in which you're feeling God calling you to invest your time and talent, please let a pastor know. We would love to connect you to a ministry team and see how God will use your gifts in our community!

UPCOMING CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT EVENTS

July 21-23 - Mission U at Mt. Union in Alliance, OH.
Topics include focus groups, youth activities, and spiritual growth.

September 22 - Fall District Meeting at Church of the Saviour
District Superintendent Steve Bailey-speaker



UMW LEARNS ABOUT GIVING A "HAND UP" TO
GUATEMALAN WOMEN AND FAMILIES

Thanks to our Guatemala missionary, Cindie Moore, for a very informative presentation at the UMW spring luncheon on Saturday, May 19! Cindie is the North American liaison to the Association of Mam Christian Women for Development, which is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. This Association was formed to help poverty-stricken women and their families develop healthy bodies, new skills, income-earning power, and spiritual ties. Cindie showed slides from her trips to Guatemala and also brought clothing and other hand-made articles for her presentation. Through their bake sale and other fund raisers, the UMW was able to donate enough money to purchase **seven** new stoves for the Association, and Cindie explained the need for these stoves, which are much safer and more fuel efficient than cooking on open fires. As Cindie points out, "We are giving them a hand up, not a hand out!" Each family must pay \$40 for a new stove while the church contributes \$120. Cindie describes her mission as "making God's love visible."

For more information about Association of Mam Christian Women for Development, contact Cindie Moore at cindiemoore@yahoo.com or 440-506-7824.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



Left: Cindie giving her presentation on May 19.



Middle: Carol Anne McCleery (UMW Treasurer) presenting Cindie with a certificate for the UMW's donation.



Right: Magda cooking on a stove like the ones that will be purchased thanks to the UMW's donation.



"Hospitable Planet" by Stephen Jurovics is in the category of "social action". Emphasizing the need for everyone to become concerned with climate change and conserving energy resources, Stephen points out "clear biblical teachings urging us to act." He particularly relates passages in Genesis and Leviticus that instruct people with ways to care for the land and animals, which he says are still applicable to our environmental problems today. The last two sections of his book are a "Call to Action" with practical suggestions that all of us can do to be better caretakers of our planet.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR JULY 8 AND 15

8 AM in the Chapel
10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

On Sundays, July 8 and 15, we will alter our worship schedule to 8 AM in the Chapel and 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary for special reports and celebrations on each of these days.

On July 8, we will receive a report from our Youth Work Mission Team who will have served as Christ's hands and feet with Hosanna Industries, Inc. in Pennsylvania from June 24 to 30. On July 15, we will celebrate our whole congregation's ReNew Week experience (a faith formation opportunity for children, youth, and adults, meeting in the evenings of July 9 - 13 - See page 8 for more information). Join us as we continue to celebrate God's active presence among and through us!

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

<u>July 1, 2018</u> Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	<u>July 8, 2018</u> Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Youth Mission	<u>July 15, 2018</u> Eighth Sunday after Pentecost ReNew Celebration	<u>July 22, 2018</u> Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	<u>July 29, 2018</u> Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
2 Samuel 1.1, 17-27 Psalm 130 (UMH 848) 2 Corinthians 8.7-15 Mark 5.21-43	2 Samuel 5.1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48 (UMH 782) 2 Corinthians 12.2-10 Mark 6.1-13	2 Samuel 6.1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 24 (UMH 755) Ephesians 1.3-14 Mark 6.14-29	2 Samuel 7.1-14a Psalm 89.20-37 (UMH 807) Ephesians 2.11-12 Mark 6.30-34, 53-56	2 Samuel 11.1-15 Psalm 14 (UMH 746) Ephesians 3.14-21 John 6.1-21

CALLING ALL SINGERS!

JULY 8 AND AUGUST 5

Come sing in the summer choir! We'll be singing at the 10:30 AM services on Sunday, July 8th (directed by Margaret Proctor) and August 5th (directed by Courtney Popp).

Rehearsal is prior to service starting at 9:45 AM in the sanctuary. Take time this summer to lift your voices in song.

Please contact the church office at info@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x100 for more information.



COME OUT AND CHEER ON THE
UMCB SOFTBALL TEAM!

July 8 - Double Header!

@ 4:30 PM versus Strongsville UMC I Cross Field
@ 6:30 p.m. versus Grace Camo Rademaker Field

July 15 @ 5:30 p.m.
versus St. John Neumann
Rademaker Field

The fields are by the Strongsville Recreation Center.



CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER CONCERNS

Bruce Akins
Janice Arnold
Fran Bobo
Donna Dial
Cleda Fletcher
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
Margie Weisbarth
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*)

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP



WE REACH OUT IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO...

...Buck Stultz and the Stultz family on the passing of Rev. Valerie Stultz on Thursday, June 14, 2018. Cards may be sent to 680 Covered Bridge Drive, Delaware, Ohio 43015.

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 info@umcb.org.

If you know of someone needing care or a visit, please contact the church office (info@umcb.org) or Pastor Nathan (nhowe@umcb.org).

NEW ADDRESS

Fran Bobo has moved. She writes:

I will be settling into my new home by June 10, 2018 and able to begin receiving visitors in person or by phone. For those of you so far away or unable to travel, I especially cherish the visits by phone. Until our next visit, know that I love you all. God Bless You.

Her new address is:

850 Sunnyside St. S.W., Apt. 246
Hartville, OH 44632.

Her new phone number is 330-267-5323.



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.

For more information, contact the UMCB office at info@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x100.



THE CALLER

SUMMER BOOK CLUB: *JUST MERCY*, BY BRYAN STEVENSON

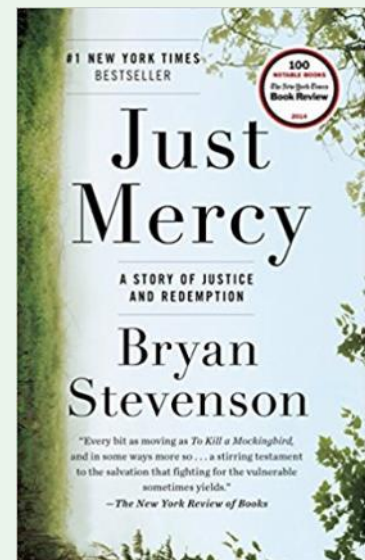
MONDAY, AUGUST 13 AT 6:30 PM

On Monday, August 13 at 6:30 PM, all are welcome to join us in Room 13 for a discussion of the book, *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*, by Bryan Stevenson.

As a young lawyer, Stevenson founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the furthest reaches of our criminal justice system. *Just Mercy* is Stevenson's powerful true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us and a clarion call to fix our broken system of "justice."

Copies of *Just Mercy* are available to purchase or to borrow through the Cuyahoga County Public Library system.

For more information, please contact Pastor Nathan nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101.



HEALING FROM THE LOSSES OF LIFE

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS STARTING JULY 18, 6:30-8:00 PM

One of the most difficult adjustments we experience is to lose an important part of who we are. This includes a loved one, our health, employment, or status and financial stability. Life changes, so how do we manage or adapt? Our emotions reflect the pain, confusion, and fears regarding an uncertain future.

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

Our supportive group will cover many of the following issues and the group process will include a blend of a teaching and discussion format. Here are the issues:

- The Stages of Grief and Loss Leading to Healing
- Coping with the emotions related to the losses in life
- The challenges of letting go and moving forward
- Identifying one's new identity and vision for life: "Eliminate Stinking Thinking"/Improve beliefs about self.
- Where is God in this? Why do bad things happen to good people?
- Adapting, growing, and moving forward - What are the characteristics of a survivor?

Join us! I look forward to supporting you in our special small group learning class. The cost for the course is \$10 for educational materials.

- David Spann, LISW LICDC

For more information or to register, please contact David Spann drspann.versoveignjourney@gmail.com or 440-669-6860.

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN

As we celebrate Memorial Day honorees and July 4th recognition festivities, let us not forget women who have sacrificed so much for our country. Deborah Sampson disguised herself as a man and served in the American Revolution; Harriet Tubman served as an armed scout for the Union Army during the Civil War; Jacqueline Cochran established The Women Air Force Service Pilots; Diane Evans served in Vietnam; and Tammy Jo Schults successfully landed the Southwest Flight 1380 in April, 2018.

Submitted by Jo Swanson

CHRISTIAN FORMATION



YOUTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

We took nine faithful youth disciples with us to Youth Annual Conference at Lakeside this year! Praise God for their enthusiasm and commitment to our church.

Thank you to the adult volunteers, Dave Ulman and Margaret Proctor, and to our hosts, Barbara Swartz, Marge & Jack Saylor, and Jan & Paul Harlamert. Without you, this wonderful weekend would not have been possible!

YOUTH GROUP IS COMING!

SUNDAYS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 9, 5-6:30PM

Jump for joy! Youth Group begins September 9th, meeting weekly 5-6:30 PM unless otherwise scheduled. What will happen at youth group? Well, disciples of Jesus Christ will grow and mature, make more disciples, and get out there and transform the world!

Here is our monthly rotation:

Week 1: "Gather" Devotion and Fun Activity
Fun and faith! Great to bring friends along to!

Week 2: "Grow" Focused Topical Bible Study
Explore the stuff that matters. Bring a Bible or Bible app, an open heart, and a friend. Ask your questions, share your experience, and Grow in faith.

Week 3: Messy Church & Mentorship (4-6:30 PM)
Get messy with our community, then stick around to check in with your mentor.

Week 4: "Go"
Work Mission Meeting / Local Service & Justice Formation - Putting your faith into action. This is time to serve and do. It's also time to learn and stand up for what's right. Want to change the world? Start here.

Stay up to date with the Remind App (sign up at registration or email Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org). Some meetings will be off-site.

Questions? Contact Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.



ADULT MENTORS FOR YOUTH NEEDED

We are still building our team of mentors for youth. We would love for each and every youth to have a faithful adult mentor. If you can meet with a youth once a quarter, pop in on youth group now and then, and be in prayer for a young person, please let Pastor Carrie know so we can match you to a youth.

Contact Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.



THE CALLER

RENEW WEEK

JULY 9-13, 6:00-8:00 PM

I am excited to invite each of you and your families and friends to join me for ReNew Week – there are still a few days to register! ReNew week is July 9th-13th. This week brings together the spirit and experience of traditions like VBS and Summer Sabbath, in a re-imagined way. It will "renew" our spirits to be together from difference generations as we celebration creation and reflect on our discipleship and creation care.

Dinner will be included (Register ASAP!), as well as inter-generational worship, and separate sessions for adults and children. Adults can look forward to learning more about creation stewardship, our church's local and global missions, and what upcycling is all about. (Below is a list of items requested to help support the "Upcycle Parts Shop" if you are interested in donating.) Kids will enjoy exploring nature and learning about the parables of Jesus. You can [register online](#) or with a paper registration sheet available outside of room 12. Let's be ReNewed in God's Spirit!

- Pastor Carrie (cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105)

The details: Cost is \$20 per participant, with a \$50 family cap. Scholarships are available. Visit our website to register, or pick up a registration sheet in front of room 12. This event is for disciples of all ages. There will be childcare for ages 3 and younger. Children's program is open to age 3-6th grade. Adult program open to 7th grade and older.

UPCYCLING REQUESTED ITEMS		
•Ribbon, string, yarn	•Telephone wire, bendable wire	•Broken or functional jewelry
•Fabric & sewing supplies	•Buttons & small vintage treasures	•Clean clothespins, popsicle sticks
•Clear bags & plastic boxes that store flat	•Leather scraps	•Game pieces, parts, playing cards
•Maps of everywhere	•Specialty paper	•Paper clips, brads, rubber bands
•Crochet, knitting & sewing needles	•Glue & tape (all types)	•Glitter, bells, balls, bobbins, etc.
•Wine corks	•Stickers, sticky paper, labels	•Craft paint & paintbrushes
•Marbles & round flat glass pieces	•Jewelry wire & findings & beads	•Trophies & plaques

DISCIPLESHIP SAVE-THE-DATES

Summer goes more quickly than you think! Be sure to get these dates on your calendar now as we prepare for a faith-filled fall.

AUGUST

Sunday School Teacher & Mentor Formation – Sunday, August 12, 12 Noon –with lunch
New and experienced teachers, youth leaders, and youth mentors are encouraged to attend. A Safe Sanctuary training will be included.

Acolyte Training – Sunday, August 19, 10 AM
Youth 3rd grade and older are welcome to learn about the ministry of an acolyte. Acolytes serve at the 11:15 AM worship services during the school year.

Messy Church – Back to School Bash – August 19, 3– 6 PM
A special back to school resource fair will be from 3-4 PM with a Messy Church focused on friendship and an anti-bullying message from 4-6 PM. Stay tuned for requested donation items and services.

Small Group Facilitator Formation – Sunday, August 26, 12 Noon – with lunch
Do you wonder what it would be like to host and shepherd a small group of disciples? Come find out what it is all about. Current leaders, interested leaders, and future leaders are encouraged to attend.

SEPTEMBER

Rally Day – Sunday, September 9
Sunday School and Small Groups resume this week! Let's rally together as we gather again expecting God's grace to do amazing things in our lives and our church this year! A parent meeting for children preschool through 6th grade will take place at 10 AM.

All Community Picnic – Saturday, September 22, 5 PM
We're inviting every group or organization that meets in our building to join us for a time of food and fun. Please plan on being there to share hospitality and fellowship.

Confirmation Parent Meeting – September 23, 10 AM

EAST OHIO 2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT

BY RICK WOLCOTT, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE
EAST OHIO CONFERENCE OF THE UMC



Bishop Tracy S. Malone presided over the 49th session of Annual Conference when 691 clergy members and 764 lay members gathered at Lakeside Chautauqua on the shore of Lake Erie.

This year's theme, *Bearing Fruit that Lasts: Called*, explored what it means to be called and equipped as followers of Jesus Christ. John 15:13-17 (CEB) was the theme scripture.

"We belong to God, our calling, our redeeming, our sustaining is in Christ alone. We belong to God," Malone said during her opening worship service sermon. The Service of Commemoration and Holy Communion recognized 63 saints who joined the church triumphant since Annual Conference 2017.

Monday evening's Celebration of Retirement recognized 39 clergy who, combined, served faithfully for 1,135 years. It was the second-largest retirement class in the history of the East Ohio Conference.

Many of the presentations at Annual Conference 2018 were grouped around the three emphases of the East Ohio Conference ministry vision. Monday afternoon we focused on *being, making, and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ*. The keynote presenter was Stephanie Caro of Ministry Architects, who worked last year with five EOC churches through the Small Church Cohort, a joint effort of Young People's Ministries and Spiritual Formation. Caro uses passion, humor and statistics – such as 90% of churches have fewer than 300 members – to help churches assess, vision, and formulate their ministry game plan.

Tuesday afternoon was dedicated to *being God's agents of transformation in our communities and throughout the world*. Presentations highlighted East Ohio churches partnering with schools; congregations building relationships in their communities; Connecting Neighbors bringing together churches, businesses and government agencies; and ministries that are addressing poverty, hunger and addiction.

More than 100 clergy under episcopal appointment in the local church and beyond accepted an invitation from Malone and Board of Ministry Chair the Rev. Cara Stultz Costello to robe and be part of the opening procession in the Service of Commissioning for Ministry and the Ordination of Elders and Deacons. During the service, which was moved from Wednesday night to Wednesday afternoon this year, 10 persons were commissioned and 11 were ordained.

The week was filled with uplifting worship, wonderful fellowship, passionate debate, and a spirit of grace.

East Ohio Conference statistics from Wednesday's Financial Report:

- East Ohio Conference paid General Church Apportionments at 100% for the 13th-consecutive year.
- Proposed 2018 Conference budget is flat for the 14th-consecutive year
- Membership continues to decrease, decreasing 4.7% in 2017 to 137,376.
- Average worship is down 5.7% from the previous year to 50,307.
- Professions of faith have decreased about 47% to 1,030.
- Baptisms decreased approximately 11% to 1,328 in 2017.
- Average weekly attendance in Sunday school increased 4% to 14,814 in 2017.
- The number of ongoing small groups, support groups or classes other than Sunday school saw an 8.6% increase to 2,439 in 2017.
- The number of United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) teams the East Ohio Conference sent from local churches increased 20.4% in 2017 from 91 to 109.
- The number of persons serving in mission/community ministries increased 10.5% to 26,553 in 2017.

"One of the many things I love about the United Methodist Church is our connection! We truly are connected to each other throughout all corners of the globe," said Director of Financial and Administrative Services Vera Rebrovich. "Last year when different areas were struck by hurricanes, you responded to the call. In 2017, donations to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Disaster Relief totaled over \$400,000 --- a 553% increase! Thank you for your caring and loving generosity."

Closed Churches:

Cabinet recognized the ministry that has taken place during the life of eight churches that closed this year. The churches are:

- Brewster UMC (Tuscarawas District),
- Cove UMC (North Coast District),
- Dexter City UMC (Southern Hills District),
- First Hispanic UMC (North Coast District),
- North Royalton UMC (North Coast District),
- Smyrna UMC (Three Rivers District),
- Sycamore UMC (Ohio Valley District),
- West Mecca UMC (Western Reserve District).

Midwest Mission Distribution Trucks left Lakeside Chautauqua carrying 17,425 lbs. of donations, 700 more lbs. than 2017. Included in the donations were:

- \$16,325+
- 3,600 Health Kits
- 635 Cleaning Buckets
- 610 School Totes
- 350 Miscellaneous Items
- 29 Layette Kits
- 10 bicycles
- 3 Sewing Machines

Thanks to the generosity of clergy and laity members of Annual Conference and their congregations, countless lives will be touched because of the money given during these offerings:

- \$24,705.50 was given during the Annual Conference offering. Each of the following will receive a third of the offering: Africa University; Preventing Suicide among Young People; and the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.
- \$5,002 was raised for missions by the 3Cs 5k Run /1-mile Walk.

Constitutional Amendments and Resolutions:

Annual Conference members voted on one Constitutional Amendment that had been approved by General Conference 2016. The following East Ohio Conference-proposed resolutions also came before the body during the week (more information can be found at <http://www.eocumc.com/eoac18/resolutions.html>):

Resolution 2018-01 – A Call to Discuss Gun Violence to Protect Life

Submitted by: East Ohio Board of Church and Society, East Ohio Methodist Federation for Social Action, and East Ohio Black Methodists for Church Renewal

The motion was approved.

Resolution 2018-02 – Toward Racial Reconciliation

Submitted by: East Ohio Methodist Federation for Social Action, East Ohio Reconciling Ministries Network, and East Ohio Black Methodists for Church Renewal

The motion was approved.

Resolution 2018-03 - Addressing Federal Legislation on Israeli Detention of Children

Submitted by: East Ohio Methodist Federation for Social Action, and East Ohio Black Methodists for Church Renewal

The motion was not approved.

Resolution 2018-04 - Advocating for the Rights of Children Living Under Israeli Occupation

Submitted by: East Ohio Methodist Federation for Social Action, and East Ohio Black Methodists for Church Renewal

The motion was not approved.

Resolution 2018-05 – Child Incarceration, The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and UMW Priorities

Submitted by: East Ohio Board of Church and Society, East Ohio United Methodist Women, East Ohio Methodist Federation for Social Action, and East Ohio Black Methodists for Church Renewal

The motion was not approved.

THE CALLER

Resolution 2018-06 – Consider Investing in Wespeth’s “Social Values Choice” Suite of Funds
Submitted by: East Ohio Methodist Federation for Social Action, and East Ohio Black Methodists for Church Renewal
The motion was not approved.

Resolution 2018-07 - Protecting the Rights to Peacefully Address Injustice Through Boycotts, Divestment and Sanctions
Submitted by: East Ohio Methodist Federation for Social Action, and East Ohio Black Methodists for Church Renewal
The motion was approved.

Resolution 2018-08 - Reflectively Read and Prayerfully Study the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church
Submitted by: East Ohio Board of Church and Society
The motion was approved.

Resolution 2018-09 – Guidelines for General Conference Delegation Re: 2019 GC
Submitted by: East Ohio Methodist Federation for Social Action, and East Ohio Reconciling Ministries Network
A motion was made by the submitters of Resolution 2018-09 to withdraw it. The motion to withdraw was approved.

Resolution 2018-10 – Educate and Inform the Conference Concerning Mass Incarceration
Submitted by: East Ohio Board of Church and Society
Co-sponsored by: East Ohio Methodist Federation for Social Action, and East Ohio Black Methodists for Church Renewal
The motion was approved.

Resolution 2018-11 – A Call for the Conference to Discuss Improved School Safety
Submitted by: East Ohio CCM
The motion was approved.

The 50th Session of East Ohio Annual Conference will be held at Lakeside Chautauqua June 10-13, 2019. The theme will be *Bearing Fruit that Lasts: Committed.*



In the month of July, we are fortunate enough to celebrate several staff anniversaries.

In 2014, Dr. Barbara MacGregor became our organist, Rev. Nathan Howe came to UMCB in July of 2016, and last year, Rev. Carrie Antczak and Mark Williams joined the staff. Thank you to each of you for the many ways you bless this community leadership and dedication.

- Staff-Parish Relations Committee

At Annual Conference on June 11, 2018, the retirement of the Rev. Linda McCowen was celebrated. Since her retirement in September 2017, Linda and her sister, Cindy, have become deeply involved in the life of our congregation. Prior to her retirement, she served Westlake, Broadway, and Pleasant Hills UMCs, and in extension ministry as the North Coast District parish nurse. On July 1, all are welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30 AM worship service as we celebrate together with Linda and our sisters and brothers from Pleasant Hills UMC.

THANK YOU TO ALL THAT MADE
 THE 48TH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
 A HUGE SUCCESS!

We had a large crowd and great weather. Big thanks go to Boy Scout Troop 228 for taking care of our guests. Thank you to Brian Long and Marlynda Dziak for entertaining our guests with beautiful music. The food line servers, strawberry & ice cream scoopers, and kitchen cleanup crew were simply outstanding. This is truly a community event. Everyone pitched in and made this event run smoothly! I could not have done this without all of your help. God Bless you all.

- Jill Bush

After six years serving as the East Ohio Conference Lay Leader, Greg Rentsch has passed the baton to Kimberly Green, a member of Celebration UMC in Euclid, who will succeed him on July 1. Thanks be to God for the fruit born through Greg's ministry in this role.

June's Loose Change Offering for the University Circle Luncheon Program totaled \$87.50

The Loose Change Offering on July 8, 2018 will be donated to the ReNew Week Mission: Heifer International.

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