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

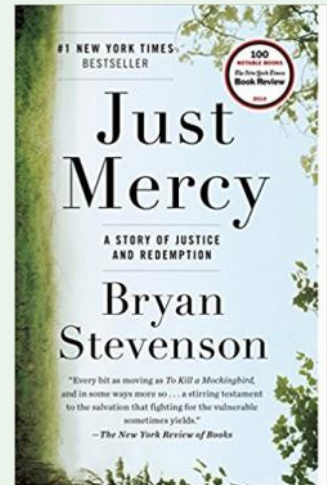
MONDAY, AUGUST 13 AT 6:30 PM

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 at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101.



INTRODUCING SEED PACKETS SCATTERING SEEDS, GROWING FAITH & COMMUNITY

Learn more this August about a new vision for growing small community groups! This month we will debut a new resource we hope you'll **grab** (step 1). Pick it up outside of each worship space, then **gather** (step 2) some friends. Whether it's at your place of work, in your neighborhood, or long-time friends. Share with them the Word for the upcoming Sunday worship service, share what's on your hearts, and grow together in faith. In as little as half an hour at lunch, or a longer heart to heart on your porch, or at a coffee shop, you will create community, and **grow** (step 3) in faith together.

It's a simple approach – **Grab, Gather, Grow** – with a huge potential. Imagine if our worshipping congregation each gathered a few people together to scatter these seeds of faith, encouraged roots of discipleship, and grew into fruitful disciples. Friends can be invited from these small communities to join us for worship to dig deeper into these Scriptures and grow further in faith. And the cycle continues from there – small communities gather, disciples grab resources, and our congregation and community grow in faith.

What's in a seed packet? All that you need to host a faithful conversation. There will be a month's worth of resources in each packet. In each one, you'll find the week's preaching focus, based on a lectionary reading, reflection questions, prayer prompts, and more. We are not asking you to be a teacher, only a host of friends and the Spirit. We encourage you to begin praying about who you might invite to join you as you break open your first seed packet.

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



Our newly imagined children's space is open for **Rally Day on September 9th**, with a **sneak peek August 19th** for a Back-To-School Resource Fair and our first Messy Church of the school year. (Details below)

Many thanks to all who helped envision this space, donated supplies, and helped with cleaning, painting, and much more. Murals were painted by Sara Philips, with help from Janie Rofeld. Please feel free to check out the finished space after August 19th.

Be sure to pick up a stack of invitations in front of room 12. Take them with you to playgrounds, libraries, splash pads, the pool, etc. and invite children in our community to come check it out!

From more information or volunteer to help on August 19th, contact Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.



Join us for a special back-to-school Messy Church event!

Families are invited to a completely FREE school resource fair, including:

- *Vision Screening
- *Hygiene Items
- *School Pictures
- *Nutrition Coaching
- *Children's Haircuts
- *Backpack Blessing
- *Child I.D. Kits

Sunday, August 19th, 3-4 pm,

followed by Messy Church, 4-6 pm

Finding faith and friends in the mess of life.

Messy Play. Messy Worship. Messy Dinner.

All welcome. Always our gift to you.



THE CALLER

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

SUNDAYS, 5-6:30 PM (unless otherwise noted)

OPEN TO 7TH - 12TH GRADERS



August 18, 11 AM—2PM
Cleveland Zoo Photo Scavenger Hunt

September 9
Grow: 3 Simple Rules

September 16
Messy Church & Mentoring

September 23, 4-6 PM
Play CLE, Avon (see picture to right)

September 30
Go: Bridges out of Poverty
Parents and adults welcome.



For more information about these events, contact Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

HOMEBUILDERS CLASS

SUNDAYS AT 10 AM IN THE PARLOR, RESUMING SEPTEMBER 9

As for me and my home we will worship the Lord

Many people in the Homebuilders class have met together since the 1950's when they were growing their families, their homes and their faith. The Homebuilders have been together and have supported each other through marriages, births, new homes, moves, illnesses, and deaths. The present group includes persons in the original Homebuilders but has also evolved to include persons newer to UMCB and not part of the original class as well as those persons who are newly retired or nearing retirement. Many of our discussions are about faith and coping with loss and aging.



Beginning September 16, we will discuss Adam Hamilton's book *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times*.

All are welcome to join us!

For more information, contact Rev. Linda McCowen at lsmccowen@gmail.com or 440-234-7211.

Check out the ***Older and Wiser*** bulletin board for health information and events. Health information is located in the display cabinet below the bulletin board. The bulletin board is just next to the nursery.



Library



News

GOOD NEWS FOR OUR LIBRARY!

Barbara Beihl has volunteered to be our new librarian! She is interested in updating our files, and as she and I were perusing the check out cards, we noticed that many books have been out for years. So, we are requesting that any books that have been checked out for more than a year be returned.

Betsy Meikle

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN

We're planning a summer trip: Seneca Falls, N.Y. (about 350 miles from Cleveland). *ALL ages are welcome on this trip! Let's share 170 years of women's history with all generations!*

The famous town was the scene of the first nationally recognized call for women to have the right to vote. The meeting place was the Methodist house which remains there in the heart of the town. Elizabeth Cady Stanton was the brave woman who made her patriotic stand, on July 19 and 20th, 1848. Altogether 68 women and 32 men signed the "Declaration of Sentiments. Women were granted the vote in 1920!!!

Submitted by Jo Swanson.

If you are interested in the trip, contact Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.



OUTREACH AND SERVICE

ST. MATTHEW'S MINISTRY BEGINS

The North Coast District has reached out to our church with an amazing new mission opportunity in Cleveland. They will be offering a 16-week Bridges out of Poverty Program to community members of the Hough neighborhood beginning this September. This a proven program to lift people out of the cycle of poverty.

They have asked four United Methodist Churches, including us, to serve as hosts one day out of each four months. We will be preparing a meal, and providing a children's program for participants' children. We will need cooks and servers, as well as children's leaders. Adults, youth, and children are welcome to volunteer. This is a great opportunity to serve as a family together. Details with dates, times, and suggested menus will be coming shortly.

Watch the outreach board for more information or if you're interested in serving, contact Pastor Carrie now at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.



OhioGuidestone
SOLUTIONS FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES

OHIOGUIDESTONE
MENTOR OPPORTUNITY

One of our mission partners, OhioGuidestone, is seeking mentors for high school students attending Berea-Midpark High school. You can meet during lunch or study hall, after school, or outside of school (with parent/guardian permission.) It's a small time commitment (as little as once a month), with a big impact. You are provided with guidance and curriculum, and will work with students on setting goals related to careers, building character, developing pathways to achievement, building resiliency, and believing in a positive future. Perhaps you have other skills you'd like to share as well! As with any mentoring relationship, the main gift is one of a positive relationship with an adult. Mentors may begin as soon as school begins!

If you're interested in learning more, please contact Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.



**SCAN HUNGER CENTER
FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAYS**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5
AND THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

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 August are 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.

**BALDWIN WALLACE UNIVERSITY
OUTREACH**

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

Classes resume for our neighbors from the Baldwin Wallace community on Monday, August 20. Throughout that morning, we will welcome our neighbors back to Berea by offering beverages and breakfast “to go” from the sidewalk on Seminary Street. We will need donations of breakfast bars and servants who would like to extend our hospitality to our neighbors. A sign-up board will be available in the Narthex at the back of the Sanctuary beginning Sunday, August 5.

If you have questions, please contact the church office at info@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x100.

**MESSY CHURCH/BACK-TO-SCHOOL
RESOURCE FAIR DONATIONS**

We are collecting hygiene items to give away at the Back-to-School Resource Fair. Donations can be placed in the baskets near the outreach board. We are seeking: laundry detergent, tooth brushes/paste, bath soap, and deodorant.

From more information, contact Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.

OUTREACH AND SERVICE



DONATION NEEDS QUICK REFERENCE

We hope you find this list of items being collected in August helpful when you do your shopping.

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| ◆ Laundry Detergent (Messy Church/SCAN) | ◆ Single serve pudding cups (SCAN) |
| ◆ Tooth Brushes (Messy Church) | ◆ Easy open flip top cans of ravioli, beefaroni, etc. (SCAN) |
| ◆ Bath Soap (Messy Church) | ◆ Individual microwave cups of mac & cheese (SCAN) |
| ◆ Deodorant (Messy Church) | ◆ Nabisco cheese or peanut butter crackers (SCAN) |
| ◆ Breakfast bars (BW Outreach/SCAN) | ◆ Cereal (SCAN) |
| ◆ Breakfast Essentials Powder (SCAN) | ◆ Canned Fruit (SCAN) |
| ◆ Pop-tarts (SCAN) | ◆ Paper products (SCAN) |
| ◆ Single serve fruit cups (SCAN) | |
| ◆ Single serve apple sauce cups (SCAN) | |



United
Methodist
Women
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

FALL DISTRICT MEETING

SEPTEMBER 22, 11 AM - 2 PM

[Church of the Saviour, 2537 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118](#)

Our guest speaker will be District Superintendent Steve Bailey.
There will be a business meeting with installation of your NEW North Coast District officers.

Time: 11 AM - 2 PM

Please note: this is a luncheon meeting.

COST \$7.00 per person

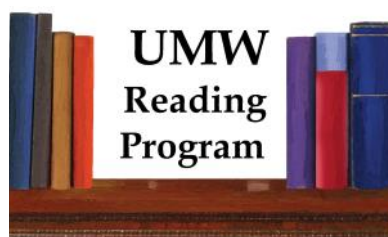
Carol Anne McCleery, your unit treasurer, has the signup sheet for this event.

Hope to see you at this informational meeting.

Sandy Marek

North Coast District UMW Vice President

For more information about these events, contact Sandy Marek at s.l.marek@att.net or 440-234-6858.



**UMW
Reading
Program**

The only novel on our UMW reading list this year is "Bus to Corinth" by Nadine Housholder. When four friends decide to take a vacation to Greece, they are following in the footsteps of the disciple Paul. As they travel to Athens and Corinth, they read and discuss Paul's letters to the Corinthians, and each of them finds some solutions for her personal problems. This book is in the category of "spiritual growth," and there are study questions at the end. There is also an interesting section with some Greek recipes pertaining to the food that they experienced during their trip.

SAVE THE DATE - LOCAL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN EVENTS

United Methodist Women (UMW) is a dynamic group of women that have some exciting events scheduled for the upcoming months.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

There will be an Anniversary Luncheon in Fellowship Hall that the entire congregation will be welcome to attend. There will be a Meet and Greet with Bishop Greg Palmer.

OCTOBER 10-12, 2018

UMW Garage Sale! Our fall garage sale and bake sale is going to be in full swing. Please save items that are no longer of use to you, to donate to the sale. We will also need volunteers to set -up and sell, and of course you are welcome to shop. This has been a great fundraiser for the UMW that provides funding for the missions we support.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2018

Mission and a Meal. From Noon until 8:00 p.m. there will be a craft show, and food. More information to follow.

Please plan on joining us for any of these events. Women of all ages are welcome and encouraged to be a part of UMW.

If you would like further information about all that UMW has to offer, please contact Betsy Meikle at meiklebj@juno.com or 440-243-5767.



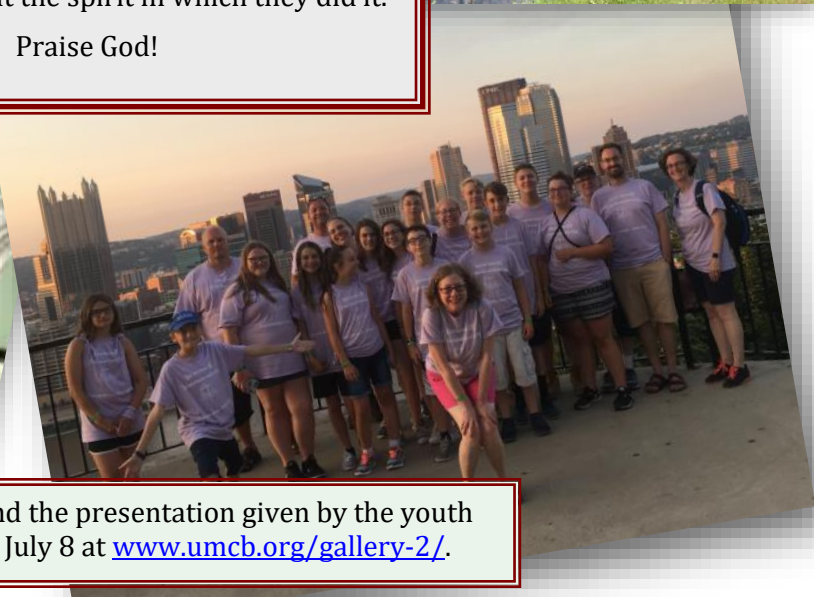
CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE



YOUTH WORK MISSION SERVED AT HOSANNA MINISTRIES

A big thank you to all for your prayerful support of our youth and adult missionaries who served at Hosanna Ministries in Rochester, PA the last week of June. They grew as a youth community, grew in their faith of God, and served with passion and dedication. The group completed \$30,000 worth of work, painting a home, putting a new roof on a home, repairing a wheel-chair-ramp, putting new flooring in a home, and caring for both campuses of Hosanna Industries. We are very proud not only of the work they did, but the spirit in which they did it.

Praise God!



See more pictures and the presentation given by the youth during worship on July 8 at www.umcb.org/gallery-2/.

FOLLOW OUR YOUTH ON INSTAGRAM

While on the work mission trip, we started a youth Instagram account. To see images of youth in ministry, follow them under the username: **umcbbyouth**. We'll use it for events, and also as a tool for some activities through the year.



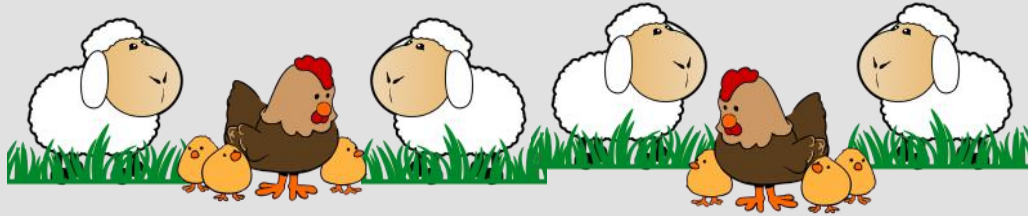


THE CALLER

LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING

June's Loose Change Offering for ReNew Week Mission: Heifer International and our goal was to raise enough to give one sheep (\$120).

Our offerings on Loose Change Sunday and during ReNew Week totaled enough to give



That's **FOUR** sheep and **TWO** flocks of chickens!!!!

A special thank you to Cindie Moore for her inspiring Mission Moment about Heifer International during worship on July 8.

The Loose Change Offering on August 12, 2018 will be donated to the Messy Church Fund.

Join us on August **19 from 3 to 6 PM** for the first Messy Church of the Fall - a Back-to-School Bash! *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. (See Page 2 for more information.)*

CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE

Thank you all for my retirement celebration! It was a joy to share the time with my new family at the United Methodist Church of Berea and my family at Pleasant Hills United Methodist Church. I give you thanks for the ways in which you have welcomed me and my sister into the life of UMCB and allow me to serve in this new journey of deacon retirement. I pray for you daily and look forward to seeing how God will continue to use all of us to create and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

God bless you all,
Linda McCowen

Thank you to everyone who has saved and donated plastic bottle caps to be recycled into outdoor benches. Your efforts have been very much appreciated but our collection has come to an end.

To the UMCB Members,

Thank you for the series of four books about journeying through grief. They are enlightening and the quotes are outstanding words of wisdom.

"The pain passes but the beauty remains" by Pierre Auguste Renoir.

"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal" from an Irish headstone.

Sincerely,
Betty Elliot

Thank you for the ongoing prayers, emails, and cards during my recent knee replacement surgery. I certainly appreciated Pastor Nathan's visit and supportive prayer. Rehab is going well and definitely working! With no local family, it's wonderful to have neighbors, friends, and a church family to surround me.

Blessings to all,
Barbara Evans

There is a very special group of ladies who keep the church office running smoothly when I am away as well as during our weekly Tuesday staff meetings. They are Nancy Buehler, Sue Cowell, Nancy Donahue, Megan Howe, Dorene Larkey, Carol McCleery, and Beth Reams. You have my deepest appreciation for your time and willingness to "hold down the fort".

Peace,
Beth Barner



WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE

STARTING SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

On **Sunday, August 19**, we will resume our Fall/Winter/Spring worship schedule of 8 AM in the Chapel, 9 AM in Wesley Hall, and 11:15 AM in the Sanctuary. This also will be the Sunday immediately before classes resume at Baldwin Wallace University, so be sure to be with us in worship and be on the "lookout" for new students you can warmly welcome.

CALLING ALL SINGERS!

AUGUST 5



Come sing in the summer choir! We'll be singing at the 10:30 AM service on 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.



EVENING PRAYER

WEDNESDAYS AT 7 PM

Beginning **Wednesday, August 22**, all are welcome to join us for **weekly Evening Prayer gatherings in the Sanctuary Choir Loft at 7 pm**. This will be an opportunity to gather mid-week to re-center and re-charge in worship with one another. Services will include prayer, reflection on scripture, and Holy Communion. Please join us!

For more information, contact Pastor Nathan at nhowe@umcb.org or **440-234-3525x 100**.

UMCB DAY AT THE ZOO!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 11AM -2 PM

Join us at the zoo, Saturday, August 18th from 11 am to 2 pm for some monkeying around! This time of exploring creation and fellowship will be a fun time for friends of all ages! The youth will get to do a photo scavenger hunt as well. Either let Pastor Carrie know you're planning on coming, or call or text her when you arrive to find a traveling group. We'll initially gather at the flamingos at 11, and then meet up for lunch at 12:30 at the main food court. Purchase tickets at the zoo that day. A friendly reminder, you *are* allowed to bring in food and drinks if you choose to pack a lunch.



For more information, contact Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x105**.

PICKLEBALL

Wednesdays at 5:30 PM

Do you want to have some fun on Wednesdays at UMCB? Come and join us for Pickleball! We play at 5:30 PM in Wesley Hall. Our players will teach you how to play and go over the rules with you.

If you want to talk with someone before you join pickleball, contact Jo Boggs at **440-724-1445** or joannboggs@aol.com.

SAVE-THE-DATE: COMMUNITY PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 22ND, 4-6 PM

Our congregation will be hosting ALL the groups and organizations that meet in our building through the year for a get-to-know you picnic. Please plan on joining us as we provide hospitality and get to know our community better.

To volunteer to help out, contact Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x105**.



<p><u>August 5, 2018</u> Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p><u>August 12, 2018</u> Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p><u>August 19, 2018</u> Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Reminder - Return to school year worship schedule</p>	<p><u>August 26, 2018</u> Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p>
<p>2 Samuel 11.26-12.13a Psalm 51.1-12 (UMH 785) Ephesians 4.1-16 John 6.24-35</p>	<p>2 Samuel 18.5-9, 15, 31-33 Psalm 130 (UMH 848) Ephesians 4.25-5.2 John 6.35, 41-51</p>	<p>1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.3-14 Psalm 111 (UMH 832) Ephesians 5.15-20 John 6.51-58</p>	<p>1 Kings 8.(1,6,10-11) 22-30, 41-43 Psalm 84 (UMH 804) Ephesians 6.10-20 John 6.56-69</p>

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER CONCERNS

Bruce Akins
 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*)



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

...Gail Price and the Price family on the passing of George Price. A Memorial Service was held at Baker, Osinski, Kensinger Funeral Home on Saturday, June 30, 2018 at 3 PM.

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 440-234-3525 x100) or Pastor Nathan (nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101).



THE CALLER

CELEBRATING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BEREA

In 1939, the Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Protestant, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South merged. The Methodist Churches of Berea had the following women's organization:

Women's Foreign Mission Society 1870-1939

Women's Home Mission Society formed July 8, 1888 with 30 members

Ladies' Aid and Pastor's Aid was organized in 1861

These groups were combined in 1939 and formed the Women's Society of Christian Service.

Membership Covenant

"I desire to become a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church of Berea, Ohio. As such it is my purpose to join in helping to develop and support Christian work among women and children around the world: to develop the spiritual life; to study the needs of the world; to take such part in service activities as will strengthen the local church, improve civic, community, and world conditions, to enlist others in Christian fellowship, and cure funds for the activities in the local church, and the support of the work undertaken at home and abroad for the establishment of a World Christian Community."

From September 1, 1940 until December, 1941 (15 months) 134 members of First Methodist Episcopal Church signed this Covenant. The book is in the Archives of UMCB.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND - ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRTS



To honor UMCB's 175 years of celebrating God's love, your Anniversary Committee is selling T-shirts again for a limited time only. Please complete the order form below and return it with your payment to the church office by August 15, 2018. Thanks for wearing them and sharing the joy of our 175th anniversary.

PAID ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CHURCH OFFICE BY AUGUST 15, 2018!

Questions? Please contact the church office at info@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x 100.



ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRT ORDER

Name _____ Phone _____

Size	Qty	Cost/Shirt	Total	Size	Qty	Cost/Shirt	Total
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Youth L		x \$10/shirt		Adult L		x \$10/shirt	
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				Adult 2XL		x \$12/shirt	
				Adult 3XL		x \$12/shirt	

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Our Mission

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

We live into our mission by:

