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RALLY DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 10 AM

It's back to school – and back to Faith Formation Groups!

Join us at 10 AM on September 9 as we celebrate the beginning of a new Christian Faith Formation year! Children's, youth, and adult faith formation groups resume at the 10 AM hour, and small groups and Bible studies resume their school-year schedule.

Fall is often a time when we get organized, revisit our priorities, and fall back into a rhythm. I pray that **gathering** in worship, **growing** in faith with our community, and **going out** in service become a part of the rhythm of your and your family's life this fall!



- Pastor Carrie

CHRISTIAN FORMATION



OPENING OF SPLASH!

What is Splash! all about? It's about introducing children to Jesus, walking with them as they grow in faith, and encouraging them to go out to transform our world! When we chose Splash as the theme for our 2nd floor children's space, and for our children's program as whole, we wanted to communicate the abundance of God's love and grace, and the joy that is found in splashing in God's love! We know that like adults, children are on a discipleship path as well, and as they mature in faith they will want and need our guidance and support.

Splash! is a fun reminder that as kids move from getting their feet wet, to wading out, and going deep in in faith, we are here to splash right along with them.

Come check out the murals created by Sara Philips, with the assistance of Janie Rohfeld. Swim down our hallway of waves, and dive into our large group rooms (21 and 27) that are ready to welcome children in preschool-6th grade.

Help us make this a busy beach scene by inviting your family and friends to come visit us and... splash in God's love!

PARENT MEETINGS & SUPPORT

1 out of 168. That's how many hours a week we have with your children, if they attend Sunday School regularly. That's not enough to lay a foundation of faith. But it is a start, and we're so honored for parents to share their children with us for that 1 hour. But how else can parents encourage the faith of their children and youth? We'd love to have this conversation with you! Let's share our ideas and encourage one another!

Elementary (for parents of preschool – 6th graders) – Rally Day, **September 9 at 10 AM, in Fellowship Hall**. Tour of new parents resource center, and Parent Cottage on 2nd floor included!

Confirmation (for parents of 3rd-8th graders) **September 23 at 10 AM, Room 36**. Come learn all about the confirmation journey.

Senior High (for parents of 9th-12th graders) **October 7 at 10 AM, Room 36**.

Parent Cottage (for parents of children and youth, all ages) – join us **each Sunday in Room 26**, as parents share in the joys and struggles of intentional parenting. Bring your questions, issues, funny stories, and real struggles. This group will be reading and discussing *Hollow Faith* this fall, as well as leaving ample time and space to bring your own parenting issues for discussion and support. Parenting is a calling and a ministry; let's do it together and with intentionality!



**SENIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL
GETS IN THE “GROOVE”
SUNDAYS, 10AM, ROOM 31-32**

Check out a newly-designed Senior High Sunday School Experience, that is more of a Bible Study. 9th-12th graders aren't kids anymore, and as they get ready to embrace and live out adult faith, we want to be there to equip and encourage them. They will be using United Methodist published Groove Bible studies this year to go deep in their faith, ask big questions, and learn how to study the Bible. Of course, there will also be plenty of fun to be had – these Bible studies will have games. Oh yeah, and if you bring your own Bible, or a friend, or complete a sermon notes worksheet from *arise!*... there will be treats.



**YOUTH GROUP
CALENDAR**

SUNDAYS, 5-6:30 PM, RM 31-32
(unless otherwise noted)

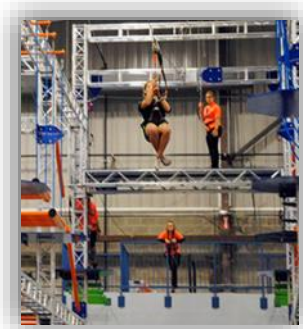
Open to 7th - 12th graders

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
440-234-3525 x105 or cantczak@umcb.org.

**READ AND GROW BOOK GROUP
SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
6:30-7:45 PM, PARLOR**

On **Monday, September 10**, you are invited to join our Read and Grow Book Group as it begins its fall adventure. Read **“The Widows of Malabar Hill”** by Sujata Massey. The novel is set in 1920s India: Perveen Mistry, Bombay’s first female lawyer, is investigating a suspicious will on behalf of three Muslim widows living in full purdah when the case takes a turn toward the murderous.

YOU are always welcome.

Oct. 8 - “The Great Alone” by Kristen Hannah

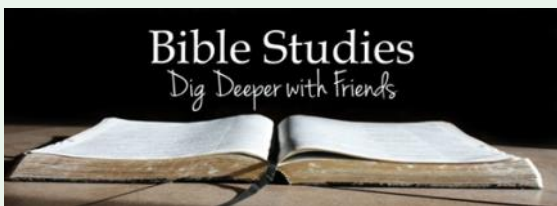
For more information or to answer any questions you may have,
call Janet Mallarnee **440 235-7331**, Betsy Meikle **440 243-5767**, or Jan Harlamert **440 243-7126**.

**COMMISSION ON THE STATUS AND
ROLE OF WOMEN**

It's time for school! Susanna Wesley home-schooled her children- over 20 of them!! Her advice was that every girl should read and write!! Each child was told to read a chapter of the Bible to his/her sibling. Not a bad idea.

Submitted by Jo Swanson





SUNDAYS, 9 AM, FRONT PORCH/SANCTUARY
Join friends to dig deeper into the Word of God proclaimed that morning.

SUNDAYS, 10 AM, ROOM 13
Join friends to dig deeper into the Word of God proclaimed that morning.

TUESDAYS, 9 AM, ROOM 13
Tuesday mornings at UMCB are busy! If you're not part of the quilting group, you are invited to join us for Bible Study and/or Intercessory prayer. Thank you to John Kappeler for getting these groups going and sustaining these groups for all of these years!

The Bible Study group is currently looking at the book of Psalms. What is it about this book that has had people going to this book in times of thanksgiving, sorrow or illness, or a need for repentance? Is there a psalm that has sustained you in your walk? If you have a study Bible, please bring it. If you don't have a study Bible, that's OK, please join us Tuesdays at 9 AM in Room 13 and bring whatever Bible you use at home. We'd love to see you!

Are you a prayer warrior? Are you someone that cares deeply about the people of UMCB? Are you someone that faithfully takes home the prayer list each week? Did you ever wonder what happens to those many requests for prayer? A group of us meet in Room 13 at 10 AM each Tuesday to pray for persons on our prayer list. We also pray for the people of UMCB as well as our church and the global church, for our missionaries, for persons affected by disasters, and for elected officials. There is power when a group of people pray together!

Questions? Please ask Linda McCowen 440-234-7211 or at lsmccowen@gmail.com.



SUNDAYS, 10 AM, ROOM 12

Join Claire Powell for Animate: Practices and discover God's presence and grace in your life through spiritual practices.

Please let Pastor Carrie know if you plan on participating so we can have enough participant books: cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.



SUNDAYS, 10 AM, LIBRARY

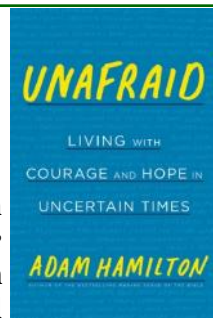
FaithLink connects faith to the issues and events making headlines every day. Join them each week for a new topic from today's current events.

Questions? Contact the church office at info@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101.

Homebuilders: UNAFRAID

SUNDAYS, 10 AM, PARLOR

Join Homebuilders as they reflect on the book *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times*. "Learn how to flourish as a beacon of hope and serenity in an anxious age!" Drawing on the latest research, therapeutic insights, biblical principles, and his personal experiences, Hamilton helps you untangle the knots of fear and worry---and embrace Jesus' recurring advice: "Do not be afraid." Full of practical solutions to help you live courageously!



Questions? Please ask Linda McCowen: 440-234-7211 or lsmccowen@gmail.com.

SEED PACKETS: SCATTERING SEEDS... BUILDING COMMUNITY

September 2018 Seed Packets are now available! (Speak with Pastor Carrie or Pastor Nathan for a hard-copy version or download the seed packet on the front page of our website: www.umcb.org.)

In each month's seed packet, you will find everything you need to provide a full month of small group community-building. Just **grab** the seed packet at the beginning of the month. **Gather** a few friends from your neighborhood, workplace, school, or any other community to which you already belong. And then **grow** together in your relationships with one another and with God by walking through the weekly plan which includes an opening prayer, pattern for story-sharing, focus scripture lesson (which also will help prepare you for the coming Sunday's worship services), questions for conversation, and prayer focus for the week.

If you have any questions about how to use the seed packet, ask Pastor Carrie (440-234-3525 x105 or cantczak@umcb.org) or Pastor Nathan (440-234-3525 x101 or nhowe@umcb.org).



INTRODUCTION TO BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 5 PM, RM 31-32

Join the Youth Group on September 30 at 5 PM for an introduction to Bridges out of Poverty. Youth and adults will gain a better understanding of the cycle of poverty and how we can begin to advocate for those in this cycle. Adults will learn more about OhioGuidestone mentoring as well. Advanced RSVP's to Pastor Carrie are appreciated .

AND COMING IN OCTOBER - GETTING AHEAD

This fall, we have the opportunity to partner with St. Matthew United Methodist Church in "Getting Ahead". This 16-week exploration partners under-resourced individuals with a facilitator and equips them to improve their lives through employment, vocational skills, community services and relationships. Our role is to provide a meal and programming for children once per month from October through December. Getting Ahead is tentatively planned for Saturday afternoons and would take place at St. Matthew UMC in Cleveland. This is an awesome chance to build relationships and partnership with our brothers and sisters in the city of Cleveland.

Interested in getting involved? Contact Pastor Carrie at **440-234-3525 x105** or cantczak@umbc.org.

OUTREACH AND SERVICE



SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY MEAL DESSERT OPPORTUNITY

FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

We have been a part of the Community Meal project providing a monthly meal and fellowship to Berea for well over 10 years. Although the attendee numbers fluctuate a bit, over 90 people -seniors, singles, families - have attended monthly during the recent months.

We have committed to provide 100 pieces of dessert for the Meal on Wednesday, September 26. Please mark your calendar to bring in desserts, brownies, sheet cakes, cookies to provide dessert for our annual involvement in the Berea Community Meal, held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church the last Wednesday of the month, September 26.

There will be reminders in the worship bulletins to bring in your desserts to the Parlor Kitchen by Tuesday, September 25.

This year we have invited the Adult Formation small group, *Empower.Nurture.Oneness* to help and serve at this annual event.

Many thanks for all you do to help UMCB-supported missions both near and far.

SCAN HUNGER CENTER FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAYS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

AND THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

Due to the Labor Day weekend holiday, September SCAN Sunday will be the second Sunday, September 9th. They are requesting one more month of child friendly foods such as:

- 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.

In October they will begin requesting items for the holiday food bags. Thanks to all who participate so faithfully!





OUTREACH AND SERVICE

Church Street Ministries Giving Calendar Item for September

You may have noticed a colorful laminated card on the Church & Society bulletin board. This is the Church Street Ministries Giving Calendar. (Also printed to the right.) Each month they are focused on getting donations for a particular item. (Of course they take donations of all types of items all year long.)

This month they are asking for dental hygiene items. Do you have extra small tubes of toothpaste or sample size packages of dental floss you might have from the dentist or a hotel? You can donate those too! You can drop off your donations to the Second Mile Shop at [1480 W. Bagley Road](http://www.secondmiles.org).

Submitted for Church & Society by Wendy Jelinek

For more information, please call **440-239-0549** or visit <http://www.churchstreetministries.org>.

CHURCH STREET MINISTRIES GIVING CALENDAR

Thank you for your support.

January Sleeping bags and blankets	February Socks and underwear	March Canned Food
April Diapers, baby food, formula	May Personal Hygiene items	June Boxed food, i.e. pancake mix
July First Aid Supplies	August School Supplies	September Dental Hygiene
October Canned Food	November Turkeys	December Christmas Gifts and hams
MONETARY DONATIONS ALWAYS WELCOMED		



DONATION NEEDS QUICK REFERENCE

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

- ◆ Dental Hygiene Products (Church Street Ministries)
- ◆ Dessert or ingredients for a dessert (Community Meal)
- ◆ Candy (Trunk or Treat)
- ◆ Decorations for your trunk (Trunk or Treat)
- ◆ Laundry Detergent (SCAN)
- ◆ Breakfast bars (SCAN)
- ◆ Breakfast Essentials Powder (SCAN)
- ◆ Pop-tarts (SCAN)
- ◆ Single serve fruit cups (SCAN)
- ◆ Single serve apple sauce cups (SCAN)
- ◆ Single serve pudding cups (SCAN)
- ◆ Easy open flip top cans of ravioli, beefaroni, etc. (SCAN)
- ◆ Individual microwave cups of mac & cheese (SCAN)
- ◆ Nabisco cheese or peanut butter crackers (SCAN)
- ◆ Cereal (SCAN)
- ◆ Canned Fruit (SCAN)
- ◆ Paper products (SCAN)

SAVE THE DATE - LOCAL UMW 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

Anniversary Potluck - See Page 11 for more information and the RSVP form.

OCTOBER 10-12, 2018

Fall Garage Sale - See below for more information.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2018

Mission and Meal Event - On Saturday, November 17, United Methodist Women are hosting a Mission and Meal event from Noon to 8 PM. Start your shopping with goodies at the craft tables. Bid on gift baskets and help support local missions. Enjoy a casual meal with friends and family. St. Thomas Episcopal women will be joining us again with their crafts and gift baskets, too. Make a date and save the date. Thanks, in advance, for your support and encouragement. Hope to see you there!

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.

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. Please note: this is a luncheon meeting. **COST is \$7.00 per person.** Carol Anne McCleery, your unit treasurer, has the sign up sheet for this event. Hope to see you at this informational meeting.

For more information about these events, contact Sandy Marek, North Coast District UMW Vice President, at s.l.marek@att.net or 440-234-6858.

UMCB FALL GARAGE SALE

Sponsored by United Methodist Women



Donations Accepted Starting on
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018
AFTER 12 NOON

NO OLD T.V. DONATIONS PLEASE!

PRE-SALE EVENT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 6 PM-7:30 PM

Admission is \$5.00 per family

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 9 AM - 7:30 PM



Thursday Only

Bake Sale starts at 9 AM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 9 AM - 6 PM



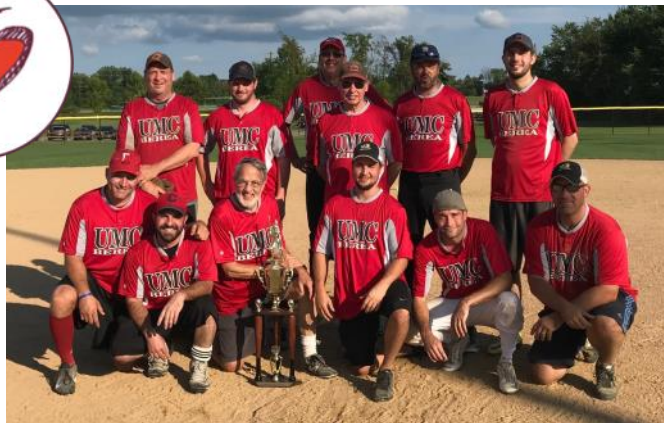


photo credit - Jill Bush

Congratulations to the
2018 Champion UMCB Softball Team!



photo credit - John Kappeler

Congratulations to John Kappeler. His bench for the Chapel (pictured above) won **first place** at the Cuyahoga County Fair. John also won first and second place ribbons for his other woodworking projects.

Members of Berea United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your donation to the 2018 Hanson House TBI Annual Golf Outing. Your Gift makes a big difference in the lives of those affected by brain injury, by supporting a place where the survivor learns and grows and our caregivers can find guidance and support also. Our 3-year business strategy plan for 2017-2019 is to increase services to not turn anyone away. An additional Clubhouse day, Thursdays, with a new Assist. Program Director have completed a year. It was a step in faith that the funding would follow; thank you for answering that need as a Major Sponsor.

Thank you to the entire congregation for your prayers, cards, emails, phone calls, texts, and every other expression of love and support during our recent health scare at the beginning of August. Your encouragement and compassionate presence have been a life-sustaining gift to us. We are blessed to be part of such a beloved community. Thank you for embodying God's grace for us.

-Pastor Nathan and Megan

LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING

The Loose Change Offering on August 12, 2018 totaled \$143.00 for the Messy Church Fund.

September's Loose Change offering on September 9 will be collected for the Sayler Christmas Shop. *This local mission provides gifts for children and families. Social workers pick up new, unwrapped items to give to their clients, so that they may have a special Christmas.*

CONNECTIONAL GIVING—CONNECTIONAL IMPACT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

On **Sunday, September 23**, you are invited to contribute an additional amount toward **our shared ministry goal for 2018** (our total goal for 2018 is \$78,692).

For United Methodists, connected in mission and ministry around the world, shared ministry goals represent both an obligation and a great opportunity. Through our shared ministry giving, we expand the reach of our congregation's ministry far beyond our immediate neighborhood. Together with other United Methodists, we fund global Christian mission, support our United Methodist seminaries and seminary students, help to build up 11 historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), and invest in the work of Africa University which is providing excellent higher education to students from more than 20 countries. Because of our connectional giving, we make a real difference in transforming the world.

In 2017, we paid 100% of our shared ministry goal. As of July 31, 2018, we have paid 24% of this year's goal. Through your generosity on September 23 and throughout the rest of this year, we look forward to meeting 100% of our goal once again. (You can use one of the special-offering envelopes which will be available beginning September 16 or just write "shared ministry" on the outside of an envelope or the memo line of a check.) Together, we do more!

CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE





<p>September 2, 2018 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>Song of Solomon 2.8-13 Psalm 45.1-2, 6-9 or Psalm 72 (UMH 795)</p>	<p>James 1.17-27 Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23</p>
<p>September 9, 2018 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Join us for Rally Day!</p>	<p>Proverbs 22.1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125 or Psalm 124 (UMH 846)</p>	<p>James 2.1-10 (11-13) 14-17 Mark 7.24-37</p>
<p>September 16, 2018 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>Proverbs 1.20-3 Psalm 19 (UMH 750)</p>	<p>James 3.1-12 Mark 8.27-38</p>
<p>September 23, 2018 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>Proverbs 31.10-31 Psalm 1 (UMH 738)</p>	<p>James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a Mark 9.30-37</p>
<p>September 30, 2018 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>Esther 7.1-6, 9-10; 9.20-22 Psalm 124 (UMH 846)</p>	<p>James 5.13-20 Mark 9.38-50</p>

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER CONCERNS

Bruce Akins
Heidi Blue
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
Donna O'Brien
Esther O'Hearn
Barb Rochford
Lou Russell
Barbara Scoon
Jeanette Sheneman

Carol Thompson
Victoria Thomson
Kathleen Wargelin
Margie Weisbarth
Kenneth Williams
Eva Williamson

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 Woollett family on the passing of Richard Woollett on Saturday, July 21, 2018. A memorial service was held on July 28, 2018 in the Sanctuary.

...the Warner family on the passing of Bob Warner's son-in-law, Thomas Vozar, on Friday, July 20, 2018.

...the Warnsman family on the passing of Boyd Warnsman on Friday, July 27, 2018. A Memorial service was held on Saturday, August 18, 2018 at 11:30 AM in the Sanctuary.

...the Miller family on the passing of John Miller on Friday, July 27, 2018. A Memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 2:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

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).



MESSY CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 16, 4-6 PM, 1ST FLOOR

Our theme this month is creation and we're sure to get our hands dirty exploring God's good creation!

Messy Church tip of the month: Invite a friend to come along with you. You can share that this is a laid-back church experience for folks of all ages. It's always free, and always fun.

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

COMMUNITY PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 22ND, 4-7 PM
AT UMCB (SPECIFIC LOCATION
DEPENDENT ON WEATHER)

Join us in getting to know all of the groups and organizations that meet in our building, September 22nd from 4- 7 PM. We'll have hotdogs and burgers, we ask you to bring a side dish or dessert as we host this event. This is a great opportunity to build relationships with those who already come to our building.

RSVP's requested by September 15th to Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.



ADRIENNE Z

SEPTEMBER 9, 5 - 8 PM, WESLEY HALL

On Sunday, September 9, from 5 pm to 8 pm, all are welcome to join us in Wesley Hall for a concert by singer/songwriter Adrienne Z. Adrienne has been an independent singer, songwriter, and producer since her well-received debut in Boston and has been featured on Baldwin Wallace University's Island Time radio program. After her performance on September 9, she will give a short lecture on being in the music business as an independent artist, describing what she has learned and things she wishes she had known starting out.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased starting Sept. 3 by contacting David Proctor at 216-682-8776 or at the door. Some proceeds from the concert will be used to support hurricane relief in Adrienne's hometown of Marathon, Florida, and additional proceeds will be donated to the music program here at The UMC of Berea.

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP



SAVE-THE-DATE FOR
TRUNK-OR-TREAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 6-8 PM
IN THE UMCB & ST. THOMAS' PARKING LOTS



Mark your calendar for our FIRST trunk-or-treat! We will partner with St. Thomas' Episcopal Church in hosting a sweet fall event for families in our community. What is trunk-or-treat? These kinds of events invite people just like you to pop your car trunk, decorate it in a fun theme if you'd like, and hand out candy to trick-or-treaters like you would at home – but from your trunk. The difference is that the environment is safer for kids, it's more fun with lots of people nearby, and it gives us the opportunity to interact with younger families. It can be as simple as having a car, a bowl of candy, and some lawn chairs. Or as crazy as these pictures!

P.S. – There will be a decorating contest! So stock up your candy now, or begin to donate candy to the church as “extra” for our cars. (Non-food treats like stickers, bouncy balls, pencils and small toys are encouraged also for kids with allergies.) These events tend to attract a big crowd!

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



SUMMER MUSIC

Thank you to our musicians who enriched the 10:30 AM worship service this summer with their gifts of melody and song.

Vocalists: Paige Heidrich, Christine McMillin, Mary Ann Obert, Courtney Popp, Margaret Proctor, Patty Worthem; **Cantors:** Rev. Kenneth Williams & Mary Ann Obert

Instrumentalists: Elizabeth Barner and Debbie Speers, flute; Julie DiFrancesco, oboe; Emily Thomas, clarinet and handbells; Clayton Heuer, violin; Sue Cowell, Mary Lou Hunger, Barbara MacGregor, & Gloria Wharton, piano; Marlynda Dziak, guitar;

Thanks to all who sang in the Summer Choir and rang with the Summer Handbells.



Kids of all ages are invited to sing in the Children's Choir, directed by Sierra Pabon.

Rehearsals are Sunday mornings following the Children's Message in the *arise!* service (about 9:30 AM).

FALL CHOIR SCHEDULE

Our singing and ringing choirs will return to their regular schedule on Sunday, September 9th. Their first rehearsals are Thursday, September 6th.

HANDBELL CHOIR

6 PM IN THE SANCTUARY

Directed by Tori Lero - tlero@umcb.org
Ring one Sunday a month at the 11:15 AM service.

CHANCEL CHOIR

7 PM IN THE PARLOR

Directed by Courtney Popp - cpopp@umcb.org
Sing three Sundays a month at the 11:15 AM service.

NEWSINGERS

7 PM IN THE CHAPEL

Directed by Margaret Proctor - margaretproctor@sbcglobal.net
Sing at either the 8 AM or the 9 AM service.



Members Welcome!

Fall is a great time to join one of our musical groups as we begin learning new music together. Each of these groups has a place for you as we make music in the House of our God. You are warmly invited to visit a rehearsal and sing along.

Sing to the Lord, bless his name. Psalm 96:2

“WELCOME” TO OUR NEWEST CHOIR DIRECTORS

As of August 1, 2018, we have officially welcomed three new choir directors, each of whom brings a wealth of experience and passion as a part of our worship teams here at The UMC of Berea. Please be sure to welcome them in the upcoming days, and please consider prayerfully participating in one of the choirs they lead.



Courtney Popp
Chancel Choir Director
cpopp@umcb.org



Victoria (Tori) Lero
Handbell Choir Director
tlero@umcb.org



Sierra Pabon
Children's Choir Director

is a graduate of Baldwin Wallace University's music education program and teaches choir at Learwood Middle School in Avon Lake. In addition to her teaching and direction duties, Courtney also sings professionally in the Cleveland area, and outside of music, she enjoys being outdoors and spending time with friends and family.

is a music education major at Baldwin Wallace University with a focus on choral education. In the fall of 2018, Tori will complete her student-teaching in Avon, Ohio, teaching choir for grades 6-12, and following her graduation from BWU in December 2018, Tori will pursue a career in music education.

is a sophomore music education major at Baldwin Wallace University, originally from Avon, Ohio. In the Cleveland area, she has participated in numerous musical opportunities, and at BWU, she works in the Community Music School office and is a member of Treble Choir, BW Women's Chorus, and Fem Valore a capella.



GLIMPSES OF UMCB HISTORY

1977 - Rev. John and Gertrude Kurewa arrived in Berea September. John's major activities were speaking about Africa University and the mission of the Church in Africa to UM congregations in the Cleveland District and the East Ohio Conference. At times they also traveled out of state to congregations of other conference.

In the fall of 1999 John was teaching a course on "African Religion" at B-W. UMCB was their home base, residing with Don and Barbara Swartz.

Gertrude's dream was to establish a clinic in Penhalonga, Zimbabwe. Supplies and equipment were donated by many people throughout Ohio and were put in a container and shipped in December. The shipment arrived in Zimbabwe in February, 2000.



ANNIVERSARY SERVICE & POTLUCK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Mark your calendar now for our Anniversary Celebration Service and Potluck on Sunday, September 30!
What fun ... food, fellowship, memories ... and YOU!

- 9:00 AM** - Christian Formation for All Ages
- 10:30 AM** - One Worship Service with guest preacher, Bishop Greg Palmer
- Following the 10:30 AM Worship** - All Church Potluck* in Wesley Hall
- *We are requesting luncheon reservations, please.*

We are asking attendees to bring a side dish to share (no desserts, please). The Committee will provide chicken (half breaded and half plain), rigatoni plus our Anniversary Cake. We will have a donation basket available.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our 175th anniversary celebration and gathering!

Please help us with food planning and make your reservation by completing the form below and placing it in the offering plate or the church office mail slot or by contacting the church office at **440-234-3525 x100** or info@umcb.org no later than **Monday, September 24, 2018.**

CELEBRATING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY



ANNIVERSARY POTLUCK RESERVATION

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Number Attending: _____

Names of Those Attending: _____

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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:

