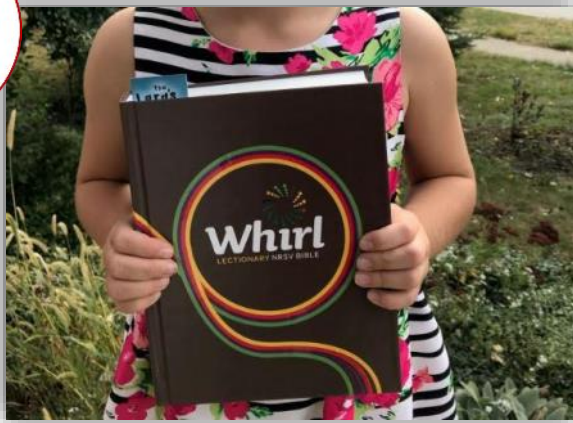




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### BIBLE PRESENTATION

OCTOBER 14 AT ALL SERVICES

Bibles will be presented to students in 3rd grade and older during morning worship services. If you have or know of a child who would like to receive a Bible, please contact Pastor Carrie.

All grown up and still want to participate? We're so glad! Common English Bibles will be available for adults who feel led to pick one up as well. They will be available at the back of each worship space. Pick one up for yourself, or for a loved one that you would like to share the Word of God with.

For more information, please contact Pastor Carrie at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x105.

### SPECIAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 7, 12:30 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Trustees and Church Council of our congregation have approved a recommendation to sell the house we own at 742 Merrimack Drive, Berea. In order to do this, the decision needs to be approved at a special church conference. On Sunday, October 7 at 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall, all members of The UMC of Berea are invited to participate in this special church conference with both voice and vote. Our District Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Steve Bailey will preside.



Opportunities for higher education seem elusive when money is tight, but when students from around the world dream of going to college, we can do our part by giving generously to this special offering. How well do we nurture the students in our congregation to become leaders? What can we do better?

On **Sunday, October 7, 2018**, we will observe **World Communion Sunday** by receiving a special offering. Your gifts provide scholarships for racial, ethnic, and international students, creating possibilities for mission and evangelism around the world and preparing people of color for leadership and ministry.

Here are a few facts about World Communion Sunday:

- \* At least 50% of the offering collected on World Communion Sunday is earmarked for ministries outside the United States.
- \* 37 countries have been represented by 160 scholarship recipients from 2011-2016. They include Botswana, Congo, Ecuador, Liberia, Mazambique, Panama, and Uzbekistan.
- \* 1,384 scholarships have been awarded in the past five years.

On Sunday, October 7, 2018, please consider giving generously by using the special envelope in your bulletin that morning or designating "World Communion Offering" on the memo line of your check. Thank you!

Learn more at [www.umciving.org/ministry-articles/world-communion-sundays](http://www.umciving.org/ministry-articles/world-communion-sundays).

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

OCTOBER 2018 REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY



OCTOBER 7, 2018 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	OCTOBER 14, 2018 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	OCTOBER 21, 2018 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	OCTOBER 28, 2018 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
<b>World Communion Sunday</b>	<b>Loose Change Offering for the Grindstone Elementary Collaborative</b>	<b>Laity Sunday</b>	<b>Reformation Sunday</b>
Job 1:1; 2:1-10 Psalm 26 or Psalm 25 (UMH 756) Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16	Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Psalm 22:1-15 (UMH 752) Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31	Job 38:1-7 (34-41) Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c (UMH 826) Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45	Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22) (UMH 769) Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 4 PM, FRONT PORCH

On Sunday, October 7 at 4 pm, all are welcome to bring their pets and join us on the porch on Seminary Street as we give thanks to God for our animal companions and ask God's blessing upon them and us. Please have larger animals on a leash and smaller animals in a carrier. For more information, please contact Pastor Nathan at [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x101.



OPPORTUNITIES  
TO HOST  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Every Sunday morning, we offer hospitality in the Gathering Place in the form of beverages (coffee, tea, water) and light snacks.

If you, your small group, ministry team, or committee would like to host this Fellowship Hour on an upcoming Sunday morning, sign up and receive more detailed information by contacting Pastor Nathan [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x101

SAVE THE DATE — MLK, JR. SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2019 AT ALL SERVICES

As part of our weeklong Berea community celebration of the ministry and witness of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on **Sunday, January 20, 2019**, we will welcome **guest preacher, Dr. Emmanuel K. Twesigye**. Dr. Twesigye is Professor of Christian Studies at Ohio Wesleyan University and will share with us from his expertise in church history, theology, and Christian ethics.

Please be sure to join us in worship on this special Sunday.

GENESEE ABBEY RETREAT

NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 1

If you need some time to step away from the routine and noise of our usual busy-ness, please prayerfully consider joining us for a **brief retreat at the Abbey of the Genesee, November 29 - December 1** (Thursday - Saturday). The Genesee Abbey is a community of Trappist monks located about fifty miles east of Buffalo. This will be a self-guided, mostly silent retreat: an opportunity to unplug and re-focus as we head into the season of Advent. Total cost, including room and board, is \$130 per person.

For more information or to express your interest, please contact Pastor Nathan at [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x101.



## TRUNK-OR-TREAT WITH ST. THOMAS

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



Saturday, October 27, 6-8 PM will be 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.

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!

Pastor Carrie needs a count of parking spots for handing out candy. Please let her know how many spots you'd like, and if you'll have non-candy treats for a special allergen-free sign.

To RSVP or for more information, please contact Pastor Carrie at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x105.

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

### FALL HIKE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 4 PM  
ROCKY RIVER NATURE CENTER

Enjoy the beauty of God's creation! All are welcome to join us for a fall hike on the trails near the Rocky River Nature Center. We will gather in our parking lot at 4 pm on Sunday, October 14, and then carpool to the Nature Center to begin our walk (weather permitting).

If you plan to join us, please RSVP by the end of the day on **Thursday, October 12** to Pastor Nathan at [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x101.

### SURVIVORS FELLOWSHIP

MONDAYS, 11AM, PARLOR

Whether you've lost a family member, a pet, a friend, or even a job, this group seeks to support you and provide opportunities to meet with others that are experiencing a loss now or have survived it in the past. Each week, after meeting in the Parlor, they enjoy a meal together at a local restaurant (listed on the church calendar).

For more information, come to one of our Monday meetings or contact the church office at [info@umcb.org](mailto:info@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x100.

### Dinner for Eight



CONVERSATIONAL  
GROUPS  
NOW FORMING

Dinner for Eight is a conversational dinner group bringing together people who like home cooking, meeting new people, and good conversation. Within a calendar year, you and one other person would be responsible for preparing and hosting one dinner for six other people from the master list. You would also be asked to attend three dinners in that time period, bringing a side dish to share which you have pre-arranged with your host or hostess. New this year will be the sharing of devotions at every meal.

The master list of participants is being compiled now and scheduled to be completed and mailed out by the end of October. The first dinner is expected to be given in early December.

If you are interested, please contact Molly Force at [molly.o.force@gmail.com](mailto:molly.o.force@gmail.com) or 440-888-8417.

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER CONCERNS



Bruce Akins  
Heidi Blue  
Fran Bobo  
Donna Dial  
Cleda Fletcher  
Laurie Garvin  
Karen Grant  
Pat Harf  
Helen Hignett  
John Kappeler  
Betty Kavendar  
Janice Kavendar  
Hack Lloyd  
Joyce McGee

Betty Miller  
Tom Moore  
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*)

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP



We reach out in Christian sympathy and love...

...to the Jelinek Family on the passing of Marilyn Jelinek on Monday, September 17, 2018. Memorial service information will be shared once available.

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](mailto:info@umcb.org).  
  
If you know of someone needing care or a visit, please contact the church office ([info@umcb.org](mailto:info@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x100) or Pastor Nathan ([nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x101).



Helen Hignett has been released from the hospital in Lima. She will spend about a month in a rehab center to continue her recovery before moving to assisted living. You may send cards and letters to Helen at her daughter's address:

Helen Hignett  
880 Algeokin Trail  
Lima, OH 45805

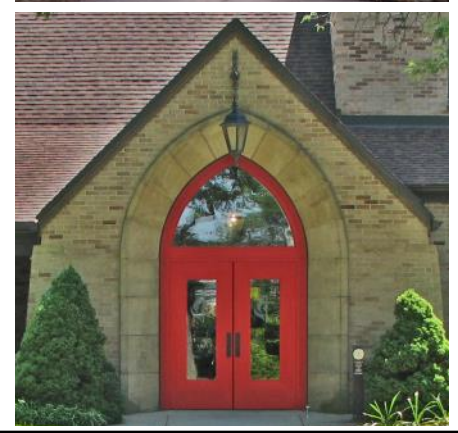


GLIMPSES OF HISTORY CELEBRATING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BEREA

1996 - After 2 years of planning and needs assessment, the Trustees, Vision 2000 Task Force and the Building Utilization Committee proposed a list of Capital Improvements and approved by Administration Board (Church Council) in May. A Campaign for funds followed.

By Oct. 1999, the following items were completed:

- Kitchen remodeling/improvements (new flooring, mop sink, painting, etc.)
- New boilers from 1995 were repaid to ourselves.
- Replacement of and additional Sanctuary unit heaters.
- Heating control system updated in Education wing and offices.
- Installed Chapel ceiling fans.
- Maintenance of Sanctuary organ.
- Tuck pointing, sealing all exterior brick walls.
- Replacement of Seminary Street doors (see pictures to right).



THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY



# THE CALLER

## YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

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



October 7  
Gather: Fun and Faith

October 14  
Grow: 3 Simple Rules

October 21  
Messy Church & Mentoring

October 28, 4-6 PM  
Go: Work Mission Meeting  
Good Shepherd UMC  
5930 State Road  
Parma, OH 44134

Open to 7th - 12th graders  
For more information about these events, contact Pastor Carrie at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x105.

**\*Confirmation Retreat:** October 19-21 at Lakeside

### PARENT MEETINGS & SUPPORT

Parent meetings continue throughout the fall for parents of our youth disciples. Our hope and prayer is that parents will be encouraged and equipped to partner with us as we share faith with our young people.

Senior High (for parents of 9th-12 graders) October 7th at 10 am, room 36.

*Did you miss the elementary or confirmation meeting? Information that was given out at those meetings can be sent to you if you would like it. Pastor Carrie and teachers are always willing to meet with parents throughout the year as well.*

Have you checked out the Parent Cottage (for parents of children and youth, all ages) yet? 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!

Questions? Contact Pastor Carrie at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x105.



Looking for community among other moms? Or do you know a mom with young children? This group is just for moms with little ones! Moms Connect will offer encouragement and friendship for moms with young children. We'll start up in October and get to know each other and go from there! Bring little ones - we'll play together for the first few weeks, and then offer childcare after that. If you'd love to support this kind of group, please consider volunteering for childcare or as a mom mentor.

For more information, contact Pastor Carrie at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x105.



COMMISSION ON THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN

As we recognize the passage of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote on August 26, 1920, let us be aware that its passage had taken many years. Susan B. Anthony had introduced the idea in 1870's, nearly 50 years earlier. As another national vote comes up, let us support our rights by voting!

Submitted by Jo Swanson

CHRISTIAN FORMATION



SEEDS READY FOR PLANTING!

Fall is that time of year when yard work becomes central to preparing for the next season. Raking and seeding for next year, bulbs and thoughts of the promise of blooms for next spring. I wonder what seeds we will plant in the heart of our community as well.

As we move through this season, I pray you'll pick up a "Seed Packet" of ready-to-go devotions for your own small group of friends, neighbors, or co-workers. Fall is the time of year when we plant with expectation, and hope. It doesn't take much courage to throw a bulb in the ground, but maybe it takes a little more to invite a friend to have a faith conversation. May this season be one of courage and hopefulness as you express your desire to your friends for a deeper connection.

So gather together this season and ask each other, what are you grateful for? That's a natural one for fall. What are you anxious about as the seasons turn over? What are you learning as this year comes full-circle? Let us plant seeds of curiosity, courage, and connection.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Pastor Carrie at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x105 or Pastor Nathan [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x101.

*A DISCIPLE'S PATH:*  
INTRODUCTION TO THE UMC  
AND NEW MEMBER CLASS

OCTOBER 7 – NOVEMBER 11  
SUNDAYS AT 10 AM, ROOM 33

*A Disciple's Path* is a six-week study that explores discipleship from a Wesleyan (or Methodist) perspective, focusing on how we grow in our relationships with one another and with God through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. This class is perfect for those who are new to The UMC of Berea, would like to become members of The UMC of Berea, or just want to learn more about church membership and deepening our relationships with Christ and the church. We will meet on Sundays at 10 AM in Room 33.

Please RSVP to Pastor Nathan at [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x101 before October 1.



HOMEBUILDERS

SUNDAYS, 10 AM, PARLOR

The first three Sundays of October (October 7, 14, and 21), Homebuilders will continue to reflect on the book *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times*. On October 28, Homebuilders will welcome special guest speaker, Sam Lofton.

All are welcome to join Homebuilders!

Questions? Please ask Linda McCowen: [lsmccowen@gmail.com](mailto:lsmccowen@gmail.com) or 440-234-7211.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION



**TOUR IRELAND WITH US!**

JULY 8-16, 2019

On July 8, 2019, Linda Short and her sister, Robin Kaiser, will be leading a tour of Ireland. Please consider joining them as they tour most of the lovely and historic sites of Ireland. The tour company, Educational Opportunities, is a non-profit company dedicated to exposing people to the world of travel and to exploring other cultures.

The basic tour lasts 8 days with an optional extension of 3 days in Dublin. The price includes airfare from Cleveland, breakfast & dinner, first class hotels, deluxe motor coaches, entrance & administration fees and more. This is a great trip to take with friends!

Brochures are available on the bulletin board across from the Gathering Room or online from Linda.

Feel free to contact Linda at [9short28@gmail.com](mailto:9short28@gmail.com) or 440-785-6047.

**READ AND GROW BOOK GROUP**

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH  
6:30-7:45 PM, PARLOR

On **Monday, October 8**, you are invited to join our Read and Grow Book Group as we discuss **The Great Alone** by Kristen Hannah.

*A man with undiagnosed post-traumatic stress disorder takes his family into the wild, in the hope of saving them all, but they soon discover how unprepared they are. Life in the wild for a family already in crisis makes for an intense, hard-to-put down novel of survival and hope.*

For next month's discussion on **Monday, November 12, 2018**, we will read **Hillbilly Elegy** by J.D. Vance.

*This family saga/memoir is a personal analysis of a culture in crisis - that of the white working-class set in Ohio. A memoir of growing up with the challenges of abuse, alcoholism, poverty and trauma, J.D. Vance tells his true story of overcoming these challenges and achieving upward mobility. It includes social, regional, and class decline. His family moves from Kentucky's Appalachia region to Ohio. The role of grandparents is significant in this story.*

**YOU are always welcome.**

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.

OUTREACH AND SERVICE



OCTOBER 21, 4-6 PM, FIRST FLOOR

Bring your friends and neighbors to Messy Church October 21 from 4-6 pm! We will be exploring the story of Noah's Ark and the New Start that God offers us all.

Messy Church tip of the month

Pick up Messy Church business cards to have on hand to share with friends and those you meet in the community. Available outside of Room 12.

For more information, please contact Pastor Carrie at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x105.



At last month's creation-themed Messy Church, we got dirty and had a ball!  
See more pictures on our website at [www.umcb.org/gallery-2/](http://www.umcb.org/gallery-2/).



**SCAN HUNGER CENTER  
FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAYS**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

AND THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

In October, SCAN begins collecting foods to be included in the special bags for holiday dinners. This would include such things as stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, chicken or turkey gravy mixes. Also needed are canned green beans, mushroom soup and dried onions (for the “famous “ green bean casserole) and pie crust mix or graham cracker crusts, canned pumpkin with the spices already added, cranberry sauce, and anything else that you would have for a holiday meal.

Bring your donations to the SCAN cupboard between the Sanctuary and the Narthex between now and October 7 or make a donation by marking “SCAN” on your check or envelope and placing it in Joanne Mansfield’s mailbox or the offering plate. Thanks to all who participate so faithfully!



OUTREACH AND SERVICE



**OhioGuidestone**  
SOLUTIONS FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES  
& COMMUNITIES

**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. If you’re interested in learning more, please contact Pastor Carrie.

To set up a time to talk with OhioGuidestone staff, contact Pastor Carrie at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x105.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING**



Do you have gifts for caring, encouragement and listening?

If so, please prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister. We will begin a class soon, providing training on how to provide support and care for those going through a difficult time. Stephen Ministers help meet the needs of people who are ill, bereaved, in a job crisis, disabled, home bound, lonely, going through divorce, preparing for childbirth and more. Training topics include listening, confidentiality, feelings, assertiveness, distinctively Christian caring and specific information about many of the difficulties people may experience.

If you are interested in training or would like more information, please contact Pastor Nathan at [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x101.



**DONATION NEEDS QUICK REFERENCE**

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

- ◆ Candy (Trunk or Treat)
- ◆ Decorations for your trunk (Trunk or Treat)
- ◆ Stuffing (SCAN)
- ◆ Instant mashed potatoes (SCAN)
- ◆ Chicken or turkey gravy mix (SCAN)
- ◆ Canned green beans (SCAN)
- ◆ Mushroom soup (SCAN)
- ◆ Dried onions (SCAN)
- ◆ Pie crust mix or graham cracker crust (SCAN)
- ◆ Canned pumpkin with spices added (SCAN)
- ◆ Individual microwave cups of mac & cheese (SCAN)
- ◆ Cranberry sauce (SCAN)





Congratulations to Calvin, Wesley, and Sara Warnsman Roberson.

Hazel Jane was born September 6, 2018.

Maternal grandparents are Judy and the late Boyd Warnsman.

Dear Church Family,

You have helped me so much at this difficult time in the loss of my husband, John. Calls, cards, and greetings have come so that I might feel less alone. One day the book, "A Time to Grieve", written by the pastor who founded Stephen Ministries, Dr. Kenneth Haugk, was a gift in my mail. I am so grateful to belong to God's church family.

Many heartfelt thanks from Betty Miller and family.

### THE HONOR BOOK

Placed in the Sanctuary Narthex beneath the Memorial Book is our book honoring friends, family members, and other special people. Their names are beautifully engraved in the book for different reasons. It may have been a baptism, marriage, graduation, or an anniversary. It could have been an act of kindness or a task well done.

Take a look at it when you have time and if there is someone you would like to honor, fill out the card found in the Narthex and return it to the church office.

Donations are used to further church needs and programs.

The Memorial Committee

To the caring congregation of UMCB,

Our family is overwhelmed by the outpouring of Christian love and support after Boyd's passing. Thank you for the many cards and the expressions of regard for Boyd's heartfelt service to our church finances and physical plant. We appreciate the telephone outreach and the multitude of expressions of support and prayer. We are grateful that so many wanted to celebrate his life at the memorial service. Our church community is a special fellowship, in Jesus' name.

Judy Warnsman

### LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING

The Loose Change Offering on September 9, 2018 totaled \$122.25 for the Sayler Christmas Shop.

The Loose Change offering on October 14, 2018 will be collected for the Grindstone Elementary Partnership. *Grindstone Elementary school serves children from all of Berea, totally around 800 students. We support the school with volunteers and special appreciation days for teachers and staff. Our relationship with the school is growing this year as we partner with the PTA, resume Book Buddies in the winter, and build an even larger volunteer team. If you're interested in serving at the school, contact Pastor Carrie at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x105 to hear all about the great opportunities.*



### UMCOR HURRICANE RELIEF

On Sunday, September 16, 2018, we received \$845 to support the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to help with recovery efforts in the Carolinas following Hurricane Florence. Thank you for your generosity!

If you did not have the chance to make a donation yet but would like to do so, please give through our congregation by writing "UMCOR" on the memo line of your check or the outside of your envelope.

THE CALLER  
UMCB FALL GARAGE SALE

Donations Accepted Starting  
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

Sponsored by United Methodist Women



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2018, 11 AM - 4 PM

Mark the date! On Saturday, November 17, 2018, from 11 AM- 4 PM, UMW is hosting a Mission and Meal. UMW has invited all area churches to participate in our fall festival. We will have tables for churches to display their missions, sell their crafts and unite in a spirit of community outreach.

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

Feeling creative? Gather items for a gift basket and add to our silent auction. We'll even wrap it for you! Our 3 missions (Hanson House, Church Street Ministries, OhioGuidestone) will benefit from your generosity.

We're also hosting a Sloppy Joe Supper during the event.

Further details will be in the next Caller and future Sunday bulletins. Thanks, in advance, for your encouragement and support.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol McCleery at [mcmanistee7250@gmail.com](mailto:mcmanistee7250@gmail.com) or 440-234-9078.





SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE  
FEBRUARY 23-26, 2019, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

In response to the 2016 General Conference and the work of the Commission on a Way Forward to outline a plan for The United Methodist Church to move forward amid divisions around human sexuality, a special session of the General Conference will be held February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. The sole purpose of this session of the General Conference will be to receive and act upon a report from the Commission on a Way Forward and recommendations of the Council of Bishops.

The Commission on a Way Forward has offered the following three plans:

*The One Church Plan* (recommended by the Council of Bishops) would remove the restrictive language against the practice of homosexuality from *The Book of Discipline* and would give assurances to pastors and conferences who in good conscience cannot perform same-sex weddings or ordain “self-avowed practicing” gay clergy that they do not have to do so.

*The Connectional Conference Plan* would allow conferences to choose among three connectional conferences for affiliation. These connectional conferences would align based on theology and perspective on LGBTQ ministry, whether traditionalist, progressive, or allowing for a variety of approaches. This plan would require multiple amendments to our denomination’s constitution.

*The Traditionalist Plan* would affirm the current language in *The Book of Discipline* and seek to create swift and strong penalties for violations and create exit plans for congregations that disagree.

If you would like to read the full final report from the Commission on a Way Forward, please contact Pastor Nathan at [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x101. It outlines the work of the Commission and contains more details on each of the above three plans.

## UMCB CONVERSATION ABOUT THE COMMISSION ON A WAY FORWARD REPORT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 4PM, PARLOR

Whether or not you get the chance to read the full report, you are invited to come to a conversation about this work of our denomination on **Sunday, October 28 at 4 pm in the Parlor**. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Pastor Nathan [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x101.

## LISTENING POST

NOVEMBER 6, ALDERSGATE UMC

You also are invited to share your thoughts and concerns heading into the special session of the General Conference with our East Ohio delegation, which was elected by our Annual Conference. They will host a “listening post” on **Tuesday, November 6 from 6:30 pm to 9 pm at Aldersgate UMC** (4069 Eastwood Lane, Warrensville Heights). You can find more information about this listening post and pre-register for it at <http://eocumc.com/gc/index.html>. You also can email your questions, comments, or suggestions to the East Ohio delegation at [eoc2019gcdelegation@eocumc.com](mailto:eoc2019gcdelegation@eocumc.com).

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We live into our mission by:

