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# LENT 2019



## Worship Opportunities

### Weekly Opportunities

Sundays at 8 AM (in the Chapel), 9 AM (in Wesley Hall), and 11:15 AM (in the Sanctuary)

Wednesdays at 7 PM in the choir loft of the Sanctuary

### Ash Wednesday (March 6 at noon and 7 PM)

The season of Lent—40 days of preparing for Easter—begins on Ash Wednesday, this year on March 6. Join us in worship in the Chapel at noon for an abbreviated worship service or in the Sanctuary at 7 PM for a worship service including music and Holy Communion. Both worship services will include the imposition of ashes as a sign of our mortality and intent for our hearts and lives to be changed.

### Palm Sunday (April 14 at 8 AM, 9 AM, and 11:15 AM)

Join us as we wave palm branches, sing praise to God, and begin our Holy Week journey, remembering Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. On this festival day this year, the BW Singers will participate in our 11:15 AM worship service, at the conclusion of Baldwin Wallace's annual Bach Festival. Please join us.

### Maundy Thursday (April 18 at 7 PM)

On Thursday of Holy Week, join us in the Sanctuary to remember Jesus' last supper with the disciples and the commandment Jesus gives us to serve one another through tangible acts of love. Worship will include music and Holy Communion.

### Good Friday (April 19 at 7 PM)

With the Berea community, we will gather outside our building at Noon for a crosswalk through downtown and then in our Chapel at 1 PM for a worship service to remember Jesus' crucifixion. Then, at 7 PM, we will gather again in the Sanctuary for a service of scripture and song.

### Easter Vigil (April 20 at 7 PM to April 21 at 7 AM)

As Holy Saturday turns to Easter Sunday, you are invited to come to the Sanctuary to wait and pray, as Jesus instructs the disciples to do while he prays in the Garden of Gethsemane. Sign-up sheets will be available in the weeks before this weekend for you to sign up for a time to pray silently in the stillness of the Sanctuary.

### Easter Sunday (April 21 at 8 AM, 9 AM, and 11:15 AM)

Easter is the central celebration of the Christian year. Join us in worship at 8 AM or 11:15 AM in the Sanctuary, or at 9 AM in Wesley Hall as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and the beginning of the Great Fifty Days of Easter through scripture, song, and sharing Holy Communion with our Risen Lord and God's Easter people.

MARCH 2019 REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY



March 3, 2019 Transfiguration Sunday	March 6, 2019 Ash Wednesday	March 10, 2019 First Sunday During Lent
		Daylight Savings Time Ends
Exodus 34:19-35 Psalm 99 (UMH 819) 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:12 <b>Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)</b>	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Psalm 51:1-17 (UMH 785) 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (UMH 810) Romans 10:8b-13 <b>Luke 4:1-13</b>
March 17, 2019 Second Sunday During Lent	March 24, 2019 Third Sunday During Lent	March 31, 2019 Fourth Sunday During Lent
		UMCOR SUNDAY
<b>Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18</b> Psalm 27 (UMH 758) Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35	<b>Isaiah 55:1-9</b> Psalm 63:1-8 (UMH 788) 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9	Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32 (UMH 766) 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 <b>Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32</b>

The Lessons in **bold** are the Whirl Lessons for Sunday Children's Formation Classes.

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER CONCERNS

Bruce Akins  
Betty Atherton  
David Beckman  
Heidi Blue  
Fran Bobo  
Jo Boggs  
Jean Brenneison  
Donna Dial  
Cleda Fletcher  
Laurie Garvin  
Pat Harf  
Helen Hignett  
John Kappeler  
Janice Kavander  
Joyce McGee  
Marcie Metz

Betty Miller  
Tom Moore  
Rev. Cal Myers  
Donna O'Brien  
Esther O'Hearn  
Barb Rochford  
Lou Russell  
Barbara Scoon  
Jeanette Sheneman  
Natalie Teare  
Carol Thompson  
Victoria Thomson  
Kathleen Wargelin  
Margie Weisbarth  
Kenneth Williams  
Eva Williamson



Serving in the Armed Forces

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*)  
Jeff Patrick

*A full list of Prayer Concerns is available on the tables at the back of each worship space.*

*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).*



## Genesee Abbey Retreat

Thursday, March 21 – Saturday, March 23

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, 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 journey through Lent. Total cost, including room and board, is \$130 per person. We will leave mid-morning on Thursday, March 21 and return to Berea in the afternoon on Saturday, March 23.

For more information or to express your interest, please contact Pastor Nathan by March 7 at [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x101.

## 2019 Cambodia Mission Trip



For two weeks in January, six members of our community—Anita Evans, Megan Howe, Nathan Howe, Greg Rentsch, Olivia Rentsch, and Kevin Scaife—joined with members of Westlake UMC and Jefferson UMC to minister among our sisters and brothers in Cambodia.

We began our journey in Phnom Penh, worshipping with Methodists at a local church in the capital city. Before leaving Phnom Penh, we toured a genocide museum and one of the “killing fields,” stark reminders of the Pol Pot regime which killed between one-quarter and one-third of the entire Cambodian population between 1975 and 1979.

After Phnom Penh, we traveled to Banteay Meanchey, a province located in the northwest of Cambodia, bordering on Thailand. There, we met with pastors and laity in leadership from local congregations, sharing ideas about worship, Sunday school classes, and mid-week programming. We were blessed by the commitment and enthusiasm we witnessed there, in a place where Christianity is very new and still very rare.

We then traveled to Siem Reap, where we visited three of the temples of Angkor Wat, a temple complex built in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. From Siem Reap, we continued southeast to Kampong Thom, another province, where we met with high school students living at a dormitory on the grounds of a Methodist church. We also participated in two days of “vacation bible schools,” sharing stories about Jesus and playing games with local children.



Throughout the experience, we were inspired by the faithfulness of the Cambodian people and the compassionate approach of our United Methodist missionaries. The United Methodist Church is committed to improving access to education and to improving women’s healthcare, and we were grateful for the life-changing opportunity to participate in this meaningful ministry. Please ask any member of our team for more information about our experiences in Cambodia, and please prayerfully consider coming and joining us the next time we go, currently planned for January 2021.

CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING



## LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING

In February, a Loose Change offering of \$122.20 was collected for the Southwest Community Access Network (SCAN) Hunger Center.

The Loose Change offering on March 10, 2019 will be collected for Hanson House as part of Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness Month.

*Hanson House's Mission is to empower people with traumatic brain injuries to enhance: self-determination, personal growth, community involvement and service, independence and productivity.*

On February 20, 2019, several of our church members were inducted into the National Honor Society at Berea-Midpark High School. To be selected for membership, individuals must display the qualities of leadership, service, scholarship, and character. Congratulations to:

Ashley Boledovic	Megan Robertson
Casey Cummings	Grace Sperry
Mallory Redetzki	Maya Wargelin
Olivia Rentsch	Kayla Wood

Thank you to the many servants who helped make our first free wedding day and Sweetheart Dance possible and an incredible blessing to so many!

We were privileged with the honor of marrying three couples. One couple returned for the dance reception and were welcomed and celebrated by a loving crowd.

Our congregation is indeed blessed with the gift of hospitality! What a weekend! Combined with Messy Church, over the course of the weekend, we had around 50 servants celebrating the love of God through service! Thanks be to God!

Pastor Carrie

Read more about our weddings at [https://www.cleveland.com/berea/index.ssf/2019/02/free\\_weddings\\_unite\\_multiple\\_b.html](https://www.cleveland.com/berea/index.ssf/2019/02/free_weddings_unite_multiple_b.html)

Thank you to the Monday morning volunteers who help make *SENSE* from Sunday morning's offering *CENTS* (and dollars & checks, too):



Nancy Crone  
June Demmerle  
Jan Harlamert  
Jean McKeon  
Marilyn Smith



From Joanne Mansfield

At February's Messy Church we learned about serving the world through our mission in Guatemala. Many people worked hard to make the program a success:

Pastor Carrie  
Corky, Annette, and Mackie Cline  
Mary Potts  
Janet and Martha Mallernee  
Molly Force  
Carolyn, Mark, and Madelyn Williams  
Joy and Jenna Wood  
Nancy Buehler  
Owen Swartz  
M.L. Moore  
Amanda Wample  
and many others.



**Thanks, Everyone!**

Cindie Moore

CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE

Thanks to all that teamed with the Trustees to give the kitchen a much needed prepping and painting. More than 1/2 dozen members of the UMCB work mission group along with several others worked for two days to complete the project.

*A JOB WELL DONE.*



A special thanks to Dave and Darlene Thurau for supplying lunch.

Additionally, thank you to the Thurau Fund for their support of the Youth Mission group involved in the kitchen painting.



COME MEET OHIO FIRST LADIES  
MARCH 23, 1:00 PM

The March Meeting of the United Methodist Women (UMW), will be a program by Jan Hart. Jan is going to present information about "Ohio's First Ladies". The program will be March 23, 2019, it begins at 1:00 PM. The program will be followed by a dessert bar. Desserts and recipes will be provided by the UMW.

Please join us, as it will be sure to entertain! Any questions, please contact Doreen Larkey at [rodokey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rodokey@sbcglobal.net) or 440-234-9952 or Nancy Buehler [nbuehler75@gmail.com](mailto:nbuehler75@gmail.com) or 440-234-7613.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



UMW  
Reading  
Program

The new 2019 UMW books have been shelved in the library, and one of the most visionary compositions for social justice is Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community? by Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King published this book less than a year before his tragic assassination in 1968. In this book he emphasizes the need for social, economic, educational, and political equality for all minority groups, not only the black community. In his opinion, the goal of complete freedom for everyone, including the white population, can only be brought about through nonviolent action for total integration. He states that separatist movements, like the "Black Power" movement, and violent riots will only divide and segregate our country further. He points out specific obstacles to justice in our country, as well as his own proposals to eradicate poverty. As Coretta Scott King says in the "Forward", "It is our common tragedy that we have lost his prophetic voice, but it would compound the tragedy if the lessons he did articulate are now ignored."

UMCB SPRING GARAGE SALE

Donations Accepted Starting  
SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019  
AFTER 12 NOON



NO OLD T.V.  
DONATIONS  
PLEASE!



PRE-SALE EVENT

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10  
6 PM-7:30 PM  
Admission is \$5.00 per family

THURSDAY, APRIL 11  
9 AM - 7:30 PM

Thursday Only - Bake Sale starts at 9 AM

FRIDAY APRIL 12, 9 AM - 6 PM



SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Invite friends and family now, to Messy Easter, March 17, as we explore the season on Lent and Easter, along with our Easter Egg Hunt! Donations of candy and small prizes are especially appreciated and can be placed in the bin near the outreach board.



MARCH IS AWARENESS MONTH FOR  
ENDOMETRIOSIS,  
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS, AND  
MULTIPLE CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY

To learn more about these health conditions, please see the Church & Society bulletin board and brochure stand and/or visit the websites for their national organizations:

<https://endometriosisassn.org/>

<https://www.nationalmssociety.org/Chapters/OHA>

<https://www.multiplechemicalsensitivity.org/>

UMCB member, Laurie Garvin, will be participating in the upcoming National MS Society MS Walk on April 21, 2019. You can learn more about the walk and find Laurie's participant page using the link for the Ohio Buckeye Chapter of the National MS Society above.

*Wendy Jelinek for Church & Society*

THIS WINTER, USE THE RIGHT S.A.L.T.

If you need to use salt on your driveway or sidewalk this winter, to protect our waterways according to the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District, it's important to keep these tips in mind.

**S** - Road **S**alt (sodium chloride) only works above 15 degrees Fahrenheit so use sand for traction or use an ice melting product made for colder temperatures.

**A**mount - One 12 oz. cup of salt can cover about 10 sidewalk squares. Don't use more than is needed.

**L**ocation - as makes sense, only apply salt on your driveway or sidewalk, not your lawn or near trees.

**T**ime - Salt works best when its applied before snow falls or right after snow is removed from the driveway or sidewalk.

For more information, contact their organization at <https://cuyahogawcd.org/> or 216-524-6580.

*Wendy Jelinek for Church & Society*



DONATION NEEDS QUICK REFERENCE

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

- ◆ Candy (Messy Church)
- ◆ Small prizes (Messy Church)
- ◆ Canned fruit - especially those other than peaches and mandarin oranges (SCAN)
- ◆ Canned vegetables - especially those other than green beans (SCAN)
- ◆ Soaps (SCAN)
- ◆ Detergents (SCAN)
- ◆ Softeners (SCAN)
- ◆ Hand cleaner such as Purell (SCAN)
- ◆ Toilet paper (SCAN)
- ◆ Paper towels (SCAN)
- ◆ Napkins (SCAN)
- ◆ Kleenex (SCAN)

**And a friend to bring to Messy Church with you!**

## 2019 ROSTER OF SERVANT LEADERS—CHURCH COUNCIL

Through the waters of our baptism, God calls each and every one of us to be faithful disciples, to grow to maturity in faith, and to engage actively in the ministry of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. As we engage in this ministry together, servant leaders among us are called, equipped, and entrusted with the vital task of managing and using God's gifts through our congregation in the ongoing work of transformation in our community and world. Listed are our servant leaders who participate on the Church Council and chair the various committees and ministry teams that help to guide our life together.

Greg Rentsch (chairperson)

Sandy Marek (lay leader and lay member, annual conference)

Tom Marek (chair, Staff Parish Relations Committee)

Fred Moss (chair, Finance Committee)

Dave Ulman (chair, Board of Trustees)

Terry Kurtz (vice-chair, Nominations and Leadership Development Committee)

Jan Harlamert (treasurer)

Don Moody (lay member, Annual Conference)

Betsy Meikle (United Methodist Women president)

Nancy Buehler (chair, Gather Team—worship and fellowship ministries)

Claire Powell (chair of Adult Ministries, Discipleship Collaborative)

Margaret Proctor (chair of Youth Ministries, Discipleship Collaborative)

Meredith Kurtz (chair of Children's Ministries, Discipleship Collaborative)

Bobbie DiNicola (chair, Mission Ministries)

Carolyn Williams (chair, Inviting Ministries)

Marge Gorsline (chair, Memorials Committee)

Wendy Jelinek (chair, Church and Society)

Orley Aten (Stephen Ministry Leader)

Von Smith (at-large member, Church Council)

Chuck Dixon (at-large member, Church Council)

Bill Pierce (at-large member, Church Council)

Ron Teutsch (at-large member, Church Council)

Judy Warnsman (at-large member and secretary, Church Council)

## THE CALLER

### WANT TO PUBLICIZE YOUR EVENT OR INFORMATION?

Publication	Frequency	Deadline	Preferred Time Frame
<b>Narthex Screen</b>	Weekly – Changed on Tuesdays	Monday Noon	2-3 Weeks prior to event or for 2 weeks at a time
<b>Mail Chimp E-Newsletter</b>	Weekly – sent on Wednesdays	Tuesday Noon	For events that happen within the week or for 2 weeks
<b>Bulletin</b>	Weekly	Wednesday Noon	2-3 Weeks prior to event or for 2 weeks at a time
<b>Prayer Requests</b>	As needed – will be sent out during office hours		
<b>Caller</b>	Monthly – sent by 1 <sup>st</sup> of month	The 15 <sup>th</sup> of the previous month	Occurs within the month or needs advanced notice to plan for participation

#### Helpful Information/Tips:

- ❖ Assume the Staff knows nothing about your event or topic. Give all the information you want people to know.
- ❖ Please proof-read and spell-check your work.
- ❖ Include both email and phone contact information whenever possible.
- ❖ Submit by email whenever possible. Text within the email or an attached word document are acceptable.
- ❖ If you would like your event published in multiple publications, please provide submissions appropriate for each publication. For example, an article for the Caller could be several paragraphs while an announcement for the bulletin should only be 2-4 sentences highlighting the most important details.
- ❖ When submitting information from other sources, please document.
- ❖ The Office Staff has the right to edit submissions, ask for additional information, or refuse to print. The staff will refuse to print items which would violate copyrights.

### CALENDAR INFORMATION

#### Where do I find the calendar?

- ❖ **www.umcb.org:** The most current information is always available on the website. The week's upcoming events and a link to the full calendar are immediately below the scroll on the left side.
- ❖ **The church office hallway:** There is a weekly calendar hanging between the Office Manager office and the Finance office.
- ❖ **The entry way by the Red Doors:** There is a weekly calendar in the silver stand by the inner doors.
- ❖ **The Narthex Screen:** A weekly calendar scrolls on the left of the screen.
- ❖ **The Prayers Concerns List:** The Prayers Concerns List is available on the tables at the back of each worship space. On the back is a weekly calendar.

#### How do I add my event to the calendar?

Make a request by contacting Mark Williams, Facilities Manager, at [mwilliams@umcb.org](mailto:mwilliams@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x102. In addition to scheduling your event, Mark can help you select the appropriately-sized room, ensure the room is equipped for your group's needs, and issue a door code for your group to enter the building.





THE CALLER  
Summer Sneak Peak



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
JULY 15-19, 9 AM - NOON

RENEW WEEKEND  
JULY 26-28

At Vacation Bible School this year kids will discover where God's power can take them! This year, we welcome the Family Life Center summer camp, alongside church and community children, to participate in this out-of-this-world VBS, right here in our church building! Mark your calendars now for July 15-19, 9 AM - Noon. Children, age 4 to completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade, are encouraged to blast off with us! Adult and youth volunteers will make this mission possible! We anticipate a large number of children who many have never been to VBS or church. This is an amazing mission opportunity!

Renew Weekend – a multigenerational summer retreat experience is coming July 26-28! We look forward to outdoor worship, a morning of outreach, and an afternoon of contemplation. We will welcome Rev. Sharon Seyfarth Garner, spiritual director and author of *Praying with Mandalas*, to join us as explore different Spiritual Disciplines.

To join the team, contact Pastor Carrie at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-355 x101 now.

For more information, contact Pastor Carrie at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-355 x101 now.

(Photo Credit: Janet Mallarnee)

CONSIDER EAST OHIO SUMMER CAMP!



What do you need this Summer?

Friendship and Laughter \* Challenge and Skills \* Praise and Worship \* Fun and Adventure \* Exploring and Relaxing  
Campfire and Prayer \* Horses and Nature \* Swimming and Canoeing \* Spiritual Growth \* Leadership Development

There is something special for you and your family at Camp. Explore an adventure of Faith, Fun, and Friendship!

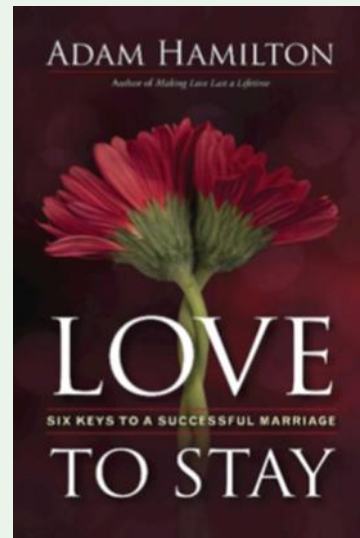
For information on Summer Camps, contact Pastor Carrie, visit [www.EOCSummercamps.org](http://www.EOCSummercamps.org) or call the East Ohio Camps Office at 330-499-3972 ext. 108. Camp Scholarships are available from the church, contact Pastor Carrie at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x105.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT GROUP

FEBRUARY 24 – APRIL 7, 5 PM

Couples of all stages (engaged, newlyweds, or married many-moons) are encouraged to join us for our first marriage enrichment group. We will be using Adam Hamilton's series Love to Stay. We will explore how, with God's help, we can make love last. Drawing upon a survey of thousands of couples and singles, interviews with relationship and marriage therapists, the latest research in the field, and wisdom from the Bible, Hamilton looks at what it takes to create and sustain healthy, meaningful romantic relationships across the course of a lifetime. Come for encouragement, support, heart-felt conversation, and most likely a bit of laughter. Childcare available upon request. This group meets at the same time as youth group, as well.

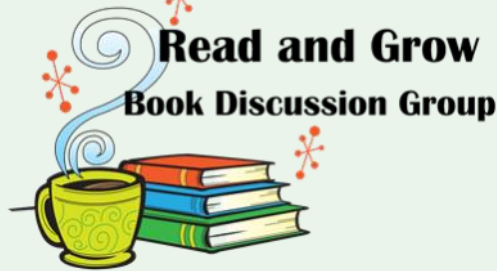
Register (and request childcare if needed) by contacting Pastor Carrie. at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-355 x101.



TEACHING ...



# THE CALLER



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

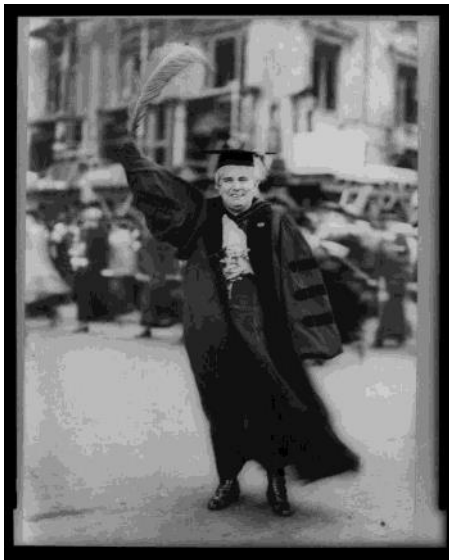
For **March 11**, read **Killer of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Beginning of the FBI** by David Grann. *A true-crime story begins in 1921 with the murder of a Osage woman named Anna Brown. The Osage, driven from their land in Kansas to a rocky, untillable parcel in Oklahoma, ironically had become the richest people per capita in the world due to vast oil reserves under their land. But most Osage, like Ana, were deemed “incompetent” to manage their wealth and so were assigned white “guardians” to do so. And when a white man married an Osage woman, he had control of the funds. It’s not a leap to see that this system invited abuse – and far worse. By 1923, 24 Osage had been murdered, along with several people investigating the crimes. It was all about the money.*

For **April 8** read **Small Great Things** by Jodi Picoult.

*A labor/delivery nurse at a hospital has a family who refuses her service. This book tackles race, privilege, prejudice, justice, and compassion- and doesn’t offer easy an answer.*

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**.

TEACHING & LEARNING TOGETHER



## COMMISSION ON THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN

Anna Howard Shaw was not only the first woman ordained as a Methodist minister, she was a medical doctor and a leader in the suffragist movement. In 2019, America can be proud of 102 women in Congress. That marks a long time since women asked for the vote, beginning in 1868. We Methodists can be proud of our leadership during this 100 years of women’s right to cast a ballot.

Submitted by Jo Swanson



### YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAYS, 5-6:30 PM  
RM 31-32

(UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

OPEN TO 7TH-12TH GRADERS

#### March 3

Gather: Fun & Faith

#### March 10

Grow: What do you care about? How is God calling you?

#### March 17

Messy Church & Mentoring

Egg Hunt—need helpers!

#### March 22 - No School

Open Gym & Games in Wesley Hall 1-3 pm

#### March 27

Go: Youth Work Mission, Good Shepherd UMC

#### March 31

BONUS—Get Air, Middleburg, 5-7 PM

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



## THE CALLER

### LENT FAITH FORMATION

BEGINNING WITH ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

Prayerfully consider how you might grow in God's grace this Lenten season. It is helpful to let Pastor Carrie know which classes you plan on attending so books may be purchased ahead of time.

#### **Sunday Groups** (10 AM unless otherwise stated)

*Animate* (RM 12) will begin "Bible", the last in the Animate series, led by Claire Powell. Whether or not you've taken an Animate course before, you're welcome to join us! This is an ideal class for those curious about the Bible and its place in faith life, whether new or experienced in Bible study.

*Disciples Path* will be offered by pastors during this season as well. The class encourages participants to deepen their relationship with Christ and the Church. This class is recommended for those considering joining the church.

*9 AM Lectio-Divina* (Parlor) continues to meet and welcomes new friends. What is Lectio-Divina? It is a spiritual practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's word. It does not treat scripture as texts to be studied, but as the living word. The group reflects on passages from worship that day.

*Homebuilders* (Parlor) will present the study, **Entering the Passion of Jesus** by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. The study will walk through the last days of Jesus, with context for time, place, and culture. Come to discover more about Jesus' last week, and more about our own faith journeys. Class will be led by Linda McCowen.

*FaithLink* (Library) will continue to meet and discuss current issues from a faith perspective. Come for respectful conversation and insight from your faith community.

*Parents Group* (Parent's Cottage - Rm 25) is for parents of tots - teens, meets on the second floor each week. Come for support, encouragement, and a bit of laughter as we all journey together in this calling of parenthood.

#### **Weekday Groups**

*Lenten Yoga* (Mondays beginning March 11, 7PM, RM 31-32) will stretch your body and soul as we prepare for Christ's sacrifice and redemption. Yoga practice is a wonderful spiritual practice to center your whole being in prayer. All levels and ages are welcome.

*Tuesday Morning Bible Study* (Tuesdays, 9:00 AM, RM 13) will be using the study the same study as the Homebuilders, **Entering the Passion of Jesus** by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. Rev. Linda will lead. Come to either or both studies to deepen your understanding of the passion and redemption of Christ.

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER TEAM

TUESDAY MORNINGS AT 10AM IN ROOM 13

Did you ever wonder what happens to prayer requests? Would you like to be part of the group who prays for people in our congregation and beyond?

Join us on Tuesday mornings. If you're not available on Tuesday mornings and would like to be part of the prayer group, let me know and we'll get creative!

Any questions? Come on Tuesdays at 10 AM, contact Linda McCowen at [lsmccowen@gmail.com](mailto:lsmccowen@gmail.com) or see Linda at church on Sunday mornings!

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**MARCH**

**DATED MATERIAL - DO NOT DELAY**

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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:

