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God, we want to show gratitude and honor to You, our Creator, by showing kindness to those in need. Show us how we can display Your love.

Proverbs 14:31



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JANUARY 2020 REVISED COMMON
LECTIONARY

Sunday, January 5
Epiphany Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
(UMH 795)
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday, January 12
Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
(UMH 761)
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

Sunday, January 19
Second Sunday
after Epiphany
Human Relations
Sunday

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
(UMH 774)
1 Corinthians 1.1-9
John 1.29-42

Sunday, January 26
Third Sunday
after Epiphany

Isaiah 9.1-4
Psalm 27.1, 4-9
(UMH 758)
1 Corinthians 1.10-18
Matthew 4.12-23

HUMAN RELATIONS SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. wrote in his Letter from a Birmingham Jail, "I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be, and you can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be."

On Human Relations Sunday, we have an opportunity to make an impact in communities where people struggle because they don't have the tools or resources to reach their God-given potential. The special offering supports neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy in the United States and Puerto Rico through United Methodist Voluntary Services, and work with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.

One of the wonderful aspects of The United Methodist Church is that, together with other congregations, can do so much more together than we ever could do on our own. Please consider giving generously on Sunday, January 19 because **together we do more!**

WOMEN'S RETREAT

MARCH 14, GATHERING PLACE

Ladies, tired of snow and winter blahs? We would like to invite you to a one-day Women's Retreat on March 14 in the Gathering Place. More information to come in the February Caller.

Questions? Please contact Mary Lynn Swartz at 440-409-5931 or marylynn482@gmail.com.

CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING



CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER CONCERNS

Bruce Akins	Pat Harf	Russ Sanderson
Betty Atherton	Carol Heskett	Barbara Scoon
Dick Baker	Janice Kavander	Carol Thompson
Dave Beckman	Joyce McGee	Victoria Thomson
Heidi Blue	Betty Miller	Kathleen Wargelin
Jean Brenneison	Rev. Cal Myers	Bob Warner
Donna Dial	Donald Powers	Gloria Wharton
Walter Dietz	Donna O'Brien	Eva Williamson
Cleda Fletcher	Esther O'Hearn	
Carol Goepfort	Lou Russell	

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

- J.D. Ferut
(Grandson of Gerry & Jo Boggs)
- Ryan Hopkins
- Ron Krueger
(son-in-law of Georgiann Baesal)
- Bill Lambert
(Son-in-law of Corky Cline)
- Ben Lebrun
- 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.

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).

LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING

The December Loose Change Offering for The Mam Association of Guatemalan Women totaled \$94.50.

The Loose Change Offering on January 12 will be collected for UMCOR Sager Brown.

At UMCOR Sager Brown, volunteers can put their faith into action by participating in the many outreach programs provided, including the opportunity for volunteers to assemble relief supply kits that reach vulnerable communities around the world.

Thank you to everyone who decided to purchase gifts with stars from the Giving Tree! You have certainly made Christmas a happier time for some needy children!

Betsy Meikle

SPRC will be honoring Joanne Mansfield, our beloved Financial Secretary and church member, by hosting the Fellowship Hour (in the Gathering Place) on **Sunday, January 26, starting after the 8 AM Service** and continuing through the morning.

The congregation is encouraged to bring farewell cards or to write in the memory book which will be in the Gathering Place.

Thank you to Terry Macha, Von & Marilyn Smith, Al & Jo Swanson, and Ginny Thompson. Each month this group take times out of their day to fold, sticker, and label the Caller.

Thank you also to Nancy Buehler, Nancy Donahue, Dorene Larkey, Carol Anne McCleery, and Beth Reams. These kind women man the church office during staff meetings so I can attend the staff meetings uninterrupted and enjoy the occasional day or week off.

Beth Barner

CONNECTING

SHARING GOD'S LOVE





**MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE
ADULT STUDY**

SUNDAYS BEGINNING JANUARY 5
10 AM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

All adults are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall for “Making Sense of the Bible” by Adam Hamilton exploring how Holy Scripture shapes our faith and how we can approach and study the Bible. Participant books are available for purchase for \$16 in Room 12 .

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

CONTEMPLATIVE STUDY

SUNDAYS BEGINNING JANUARY 12
9 AM, WESLEY HALL

If you’re ready to trade in anger for understanding, consider reading and discussing *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion* by Jonathan Haidt with the Sunday Morning Contemplative Small group.

If you’re interested in joining the group, please contact Pastor Carrie at 440-234-3525 x105 or cantczak@umcb.org or Pat Nixon at pn1047@gmail.com or 440-532-9486.

COSROW

Finally! Central Park has placed a statue commemorating Women!! The three recognized are Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. This year marks the 100th year since women were “given” the right to vote! The statue was approved by a narrow margin! (There had been statues of Mother Goose, Alice in Wonderland, and Juliet with Romeo!)

Jo Swanson

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

You have a story to tell! This year’s Lenten Devotional, written by our congregation, will focus on the theme of “Go” – how has God inspired you to go out into the world in service? What are your stories about sharing your faith in word or deed?

To sign up for one of the 40 devotions in our annual spiritual practice and offering of reflections, please contact Claire Powell at 440-263-8745 or cepohio@sbcglobal.net.

READ & GROW DISCUSSION GROUP

THE SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH, 6:30-8 PM, PARLOR

Read and Grow 2020 starts a new decade. This is a good time to join our reading group. We start with Joys and Concerns, Devotions, Discussion, and end with Prayer.

JANUARY 13 - Spark of Light by Jodi Picoult

The warm fall day starts like any other at the Center—a women’s reproductive health services clinic—its staff offering care to anyone who passes through its doors. Then, in late morning, a desperate and distraught gunman bursts in and opens fire.

February 10 - Educated by Tara Westover (A memoir)

Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Her family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when one of Tara’s older brothers became violent.

The entire reading list can be found at: <http://www.umcb.org/adult-faith-opportunities/>.

For more information or to answer any question you may have, call Janet Mallarnee at 440-235-7331, Betsy Meikle at 440-243-5767, or Margaret Proctor at 440-243-9498.



MESSY CHURCH

**JANUARY 19, 4 PM - 6 PM
FIRST FLOOR**

Angry Birds Messy Church is flying back!

Join us for a fun afternoon of messy play, celebration, and dinner!

Bring your bike helmet for a crazy game!

For more information, please contact Carolyn Williams at weaselvt@msn.com or 440-570-2913.

TEACHING & LEARNING TOGETHER



**JANUARY
YOUTH GROUP
CALENDAR**

SUNDAYS,
5-6:30 PM
ROOM 31-32
(unless otherwise stated)

Open to 7th - 12th Graders

January 4-5, 8 PM - 9 AM
Holiday Lock-In

January 10-12
Souper Sunday Prep/Sale for Work Mission

January 19, 4 PM-6 PM
Messy Church, *see above for more info.*

January 26
Youth Work Mission Meeting

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5 Epiphany of the Lord 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:00 AM Worship with <i>arise!</i> Praise Band 10:00 AM Christian Formation 11:15 AM Traditional Worship 2:30 PM Hapkido 2:30 PM Worship at Parkside Villa 6:30 PM Boy Scouts #228</p>	<p>6 11:00 AM Survivors Fellowship/Lunch at Donte's 6:00 PM Girl Scouts #70153 6:30 PM Girl Scouts #77113 7:00 PM Hanson House Board Mtg 7:00 PM Staff Parish Relations Committee 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting</p>	<p>7 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Quilters 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Cub Pack #107 6:30 PM Girl Scouts #71354 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>1 New Year's Day <i>Church Office Closed</i> 4:00 PM Girl Scouts #70628 6:00 PM Girl Scouts #71845 6:30 PM Girl Scouts #71489 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>2 5:30 PM Eagle Scout Review 6:00 PM Girl Scouts #70815 6:00 PM Girl Scouts #70991 6:30 PM Girl Scouts #70568 6:30 PM Girl Scouts #71607 7:00 PM Square Dancing 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>3 6:00 PM Girl Scouts #70818 8:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>4 10:00 AM UMW Executive Board 8:00 PM Youth Lock In (overnight)</p>
<p>8 9:30 AM UMW Circle 10:00 AM Hanson House TBI Support Group 4:00 PM Girl Scouts #70628 6:30 PM Girl Scouts #70849 6:30 PM Girl Scouts #71489 6:30 PM Stephen Ministers 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 PM Girl Scout Leader Meeting</p>	<p>9 1:00 PM Organist Rehearsal 6:00 PM Boy Scout District Roundtable 6:00 PM Girl Scouts #70815 6:00 PM Hand Bell Choir 6:30 PM Girl Scouts #70568 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Girl Scouts #70535 7:00 PM NEWSingers 7:00 PM Square Dancing 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>10 5:00 PM Souper Sunday prep 6:00 PM Girl Scouts #70818 6:00 PM Girl Scouts #71008 8:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>11 9:00 AM Souper Sunday prep 4:00 PM UMW set up</p>			

Please check our online calendar (www.umcb.org/upcoming-events/) for the most current events and information.

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<p>19 Second Sunday after Epiphany Human Relations Day 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 8:30 AM "Transform the World" fair 9:00 AM Worship with <i>arise!</i> Praise Band 10:00 AM Christian Formation 11:15 AM Traditional Worship 2:30 PM Hapkido 4:00 PM Messy Church & Youth Group 6:30 PM Boy Scouts #228</p>	<p>20 11:00 AM Survivors Fellowship/Lunch at Aladdin's 6:00 PM Girl Scouts #70153 6:30 PM Girl Scouts #77113</p>	<p>21 8:00 AM BW Acting/Yoga 8:00 AM BW Fencing 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Quilters 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Cub Den #107 6:30 PM Girl Scouts #71354 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 PM BW Women's Chorus</p>	<p>22 10:00 AM Hanson House TBI Support Group 2:00 PM BW Theater 4:00 PM Girl Scouts #70628 6:30 PM Girl Scouts #70849 6:30 PM Girl Scouts #71489 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>23 8:00 AM BW Acting/Yoga 8:00 AM BW Fencing 1:00 PM Organist Rehearsal 6:00 PM Girl Scouts #70815 6:00 PM Hand Bell Choir 6:30 PM Girl Scouts #70568 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Girl Scouts #70535 7:00 PM NEWSingers 7:00 PM Square Dancing 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>24 2:00 PM BW Theater 6:00 PM Girl Scouts #70818 8:30 PM Alcoholics Anon.</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 Third Sunday after Epiphany <i>Fellowship Hour honoring Joanne Mansfield</i> 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 9:00 AM Worship with <i>arise!</i> Praise Band 10:00 AM Christian Formation 11:15 AM Traditional Worship 2:30 PM Hapkido 5:00 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Boy Scouts #228</p>	<p>27 11:00 AM Survivors Fellowship/Lunch at Tony K's 2:00 PM BW Theater 6:00 PM Girl Scouts #70153 6:00 PM Girl Scouts #71305 6:30 PM Girl Scouts #77113</p>	<p>28 8:00 AM BW Acting/Yoga 8:00 AM BW Fencing 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Quilters 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Cub Den #107 6:30 PM Girl Scouts #71354 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 PM BW Women's Chorus</p>	<p>29 9:00 AM Caller Assembly 10:00 AM Hanson House TBI Support Group 2:00 PM BW Theater 4:00 PM Girl Scouts #70628 6:30 PM Girl Scouts #71489 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>30 8:00 AM BW Acting/Yoga 8:00 AM BW Fencing 1:00 PM Organist Rehearsal 6:00 PM Girl Scouts #70815 6:00 PM Hand Bell Choir 6:30 PM Girl Scouts #70568 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM NEWSingers 7:00 PM Square Dancing 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>31 2:00 PM BW Theater 6:00 PM Girl Scouts #70818 8:30 PM Alcoholics Anon.</p>	



“TRANSFORM THE WORLD” FAIR
DURING MLK WEEK WITH BALDWIN WALLACE UNIVERSITY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 9AM-NOON

We are excited to again partner with B.W. in the programming for MLK week, celebrating its 30th anniversary of honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. by inspiring our community to walk in his footsteps. This year’s theme is “Tilting the Scales of Justice”.

This year, we are leading a “Transform the World” Fair on **Sunday, January 19, 9 AM – Noon**. We will highlight both missions and projects of our church, as well as the community - all of which aim at transforming the world to be a more just and compassionate home for all people.

If you’re looking for ways to continue to be about Kingdom work, come and find out how God can use your gifts in our community. A full week of events can be found on the Outreach board.

If you have a cause or organization you’d like to share,
please contact Pastor Carrie at **440-234-3525 x105** or cantczak@umcb.org.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, COMPASSION, & JUSTICE

MISSIONS TEAM AND BUILDING HOPE
IN THE CITY

VOLUNTEER TRAINING - JANUARY 15
5:30 PM, THE HOPE CENTER (15135 TRISKETT
ROAD, CLEVELAND, OH 44111)

Our missions team is partnering with “Building Hope in the City” to explore ways we can support and encourage our immigrant and refugee community. The first step to learning more is to attend “Building Hope 101” on January 15 at 5:30 PM. Register at

<https://buildinghopeinthecity.org/cleveland/volunteer-training/>.

We hope to send a crew from our church to begin discerning how we might be of service.

A big thank you as well for all who helped with Getting Ahead at Willson UMC this fall. The program graduates and their families were a joy to work with, as well all of you, who made this mission possible. We look forward to continued work with Bridges Out of Poverty programs.

FREE WEDDING DAY
& SWEETHEART DANCE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Planning is now underway for our second annual FREE Wedding Day and Sweetheart dance. Are you or a couple you know, newly engaged and ready to tie the knot? We would love to bless you on your journey with a FREE wedding service, Saturday, February 15. We plan to do several weddings that day, so secure your spot now! We'll marry (and renew vows for) as many couples as we can as we celebrate the gift of God's love. One preliminary meeting with pastors is required.

We would also love to celebrate with you and your loved ones at a reception/Sweetheart Dance to follow that evening. All church and community members are invited to dance the night away.

For more information or to volunteer for hospitality for the Wedding Ceremonies or Sweetheart dance, please contact Pastor Carrie at **440-234-3525 x105** or cantczak@umcb.org.

SAYLER (OHIOGUIDESTONE) CHRISTMAS SHOP

The work of Christmas continues!

The Sayler Christmas Shop is collecting and distributing winter coats of all sizes and for all ages. Please bring your donation and place it in the marked bin throughout the month of January.



YOUTH WORK MISSION FUNDRAISERS

We are so grateful for your support each year for our youth to go out into the world in mission. Here are some ways you can continue to support them:

Rent-a-Crew

Need help with shoveling?

Have a home job that could use a little muscle?

To set up a crew to come help out for a donation to work mission, contact Clayton Allen at **440-596-7431** or callen@buckeyefastners.com.

Souper Sunday

Orders now being taken for delicious soup!
All soup is to be picked up Sunday, January 12.

To make an order, contact Mary Potts at **440-319-9347** or marypotts328@yahoo.com.

Psalm 148

Check out our Psalm board to learn about a Scripture that inspires our work, as well as to choose any amount from \$1 to \$148 to donate towards our work.

JANUARY E-BIT ("ENVIRONMENTAL TIDBIT") FROM CHURCH & SOCIETY

Using S.A.L.T. this winter? Follow these tips.

If you need to use salt on your driveway or sidewalk this winter, according to the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District (CSWCD) to protect our waterways it's important to keep these tips in mind. **S** - Road Salt (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 full of salt can cover about 10 sidewalk squares. **D**on'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 - For best results, apply salt before snow falls or right after snow is removed from the driveway or sidewalk.

For more information, visit or contact CSWCD at <https://cuyahogawcd.org/> or **216-524-6580**.

Wendy Jelinek

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, COMPASSION, & JUSTICE

LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS: "BIRTHDAY BAGS"

This month's project is "Birthday Bags"!

We hope to put together gift bags of cake mixes, icing, birthday candles, and balloons and streamers/banners that will be given to Berea Community Outreach. When a family comes in with an upcoming birthday, a party-in-a-bag will be shared with them as we celebrate the gift of their life and presence in our community.

Please donate these items near the Outreach board. Sunday School children will assemble kits at the end of the month.

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

SCAN FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Due to the holiday, January food collection for SCAN will take place on Sunday January 12. Foods requested include:

- nutritious breakfast cereals
- canned stews
- soups with meat and vegetables
- canned green vegetables
- canned mixed fruit.

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

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For more information about these events and all that UMW has to offer, please contact Betsy Meikle at meiklebj@juno.com or 440-243-5767.

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UMW CHURCH-WIDE LUNCHEON

JANUARY 12
FOLLOWING THE 11:15 AM SERVICE
FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Luncheon is a Pot-Luck with main dish and dessert provided. Our Speaker will be from Laura's Home, which is part of the City Mission, to tell us about the important services and outreach that they provide.

The entire congregation is welcome and encouraged to attend.

JANUARY CIRCLE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 9:30 AM, PARLOR
Please note this is the second Wednesday of January, not the third.

UMW SPRING GARAGE SALE

APRIL 22-24, 2020
Start thinking ahead!

It's not too early to start sorting and putting aside a collection of items for our sale!
Thank you in advance.