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PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 5 AT 8 AM, 9 AM, AND 11:15 AM

We will wave palm branches, sing praise to God, and begin our Holy Week journey, remembering Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Please join us.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 9 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 10 AT 7 PM

With the Berea community, we will gather outside St. Thomas Episcopal Church at noon for a crosswalk through downtown followed by a worship service to remember Jesus' crucifixion back at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Then, at 7 PM, we will gather in our Sanctuary for a service of scripture and song.



EASTER VIGIL

APRIL 11 AT 7 PM TO APRIL 12 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. We will begin with a brief evening prayer service at 7 pm, which all are invited to attend.



EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 12 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 (which will be a lily-free worship space) 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.



CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING



#UMCORSunday

GIVE US COURAGE TO ACT IN WAYS THAT DEMONSTRATE JUSTICE AND MERCY.



UMCOR SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

For over 75 years, UMCOR has helped people in crisis all over the world. On UMCOR Sunday, we gather to celebrate and give generously to cover the relief agency's annual operational and administrative costs so that UMCOR may apply 100% of other donations directly to relief efforts. This is an incredible Sunday that reminds us of the importance of compassion and love in action. UMCOR acts as the hands and feet of Christ's church, moving towards the most vulnerable in their time of need. Helping people in their darkest days doesn't have to be something "they" do, it can be something "we" do.

We, with our United Methodist congregations around the globe, can share compassionate relief in the midst of devastation. Until then, let's be praying for the volunteers, the lives they touch, and for hearts to be moved.

Visit www.umcsgiving.org/UMCOR to learn more and please consider giving generously this upcoming UMCOR Sunday.

Let's make a difference, together!

CAMBODIA MISSION TRIP 2021

FEBRUARY 25 – MARCH 9, 2021



FIRST ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

MARCH 22, 5 PM, ROOM 13

As we keep building relationships and sharing God's love with neighbors on the other side of the world, our next trip to Cambodia has just been scheduled for February 25 – March 9, 2021.

Our first organizational meeting will be in Room 13 on Sunday, March 22 at 5 PM.

We are building our team now. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101.



Genesee Abbey Retreat

Thursday, March 19 – Saturday, March 21

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 \$150 per person. We will leave mid-morning on Thursday, March 19 and return to Berea in the afternoon on Saturday, March 21.

For more information or to express your interest, please contact **Pastor Nathan** by **March 5** at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101.

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CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER CONCERNS

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| Bruce Akins | Pastor Nathan Howe | Pat Sarka |
| Orley Aten | Janice Kavander | Barbara Scoon |
| Betty Atherton | Joyce McGee | Edna Thomason |
| Dick Baker | Betty Miller | Carol Thompson |
| Heidi Blue | Rev. Cal Myers | Kathleen Wargelin |
| Jean Brenneison | Donna O'Brien | Bob Warner |
| Donna Dial | Esther O'Hearn | Gloria Wharton |
| Cleda Fletcher | Donald Powers | Eva Williamson |
| Pat Harf | Lou Russell | |
| Carol Heskett | Russ Sanderson | |

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

WE REACH OUT IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Pat Beckman and the Beckman family.

Dave Beckman went on to rest in God's eternal peace on Monday, February 3. Memorial Service information will be shared once available.

Doug Thomson and the Thomson family.

Victoria Thomson went on to rest in God's eternal peace on Tuesday, January 28. A Memorial Service was held on Sunday, February 9.

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 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).*

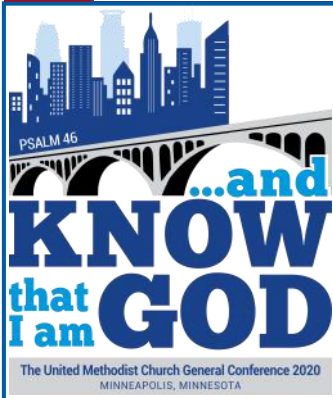
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MARCH 2020 REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY



CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING

Sunday, March 1, 2020 First Sunday in Lent	Sunday, March 8, 2020 Second Sunday in Lent	Sunday, March 15, 2020 Third Sunday in Lent
<i>Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7</i> <i>Psalm 32 (UMH 766)</i> <i>Romans 5.12-19</i> <i>Matthew 4.1-11</i>	<i>Genesis 12.1-4a</i> <i>Psalm 121 (UMH 844)</i> <i>Romans 4.1-5, 13-17</i> <i>John 3.1-17 or Matthew 17.1-9</i>	<i>Exodus 17.1-7</i> <i>Psalm 95 (UMH 814)</i> <i>Romans 5.1-11</i> <i>John 4.5-42</i>
Sunday, March 22, 2020 Fourth Sunday in Lent UMCOR Sunday	Sunday, March 29, 2020 Fifth Sunday in Lent	
<i>1 Samuel 15.1-13</i> <i>Psalm 23 (UMH 754 or 137)</i> <i>Ephesians 5.8-14</i> <i>John 9.1-41</i>	<i>Ezekiel 37.1-14</i> <i>Psalm 130 (UMH 848)</i> <i>Romans 8.6-11</i> <i>John 11.1-45</i>	



GENERAL CONFERENCE 2020 INFORMATION SESSION

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 10 AM – NOON, GARFIELD MEMORIAL UMC
 3650 LANDER ROAD, PEPPER PIKE, OH 44124

MEET IN THE UMC OF BEREIA PARKING LOT BY 9:15 AM TO CARPOOL

All are invited and encouraged to attend an information session on Saturday, March 7 from 10 AM to Noon at Garfield Memorial UMC.

The Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation will be presented. This protocol is one of the major proposals to be acted upon at General Conference 2020, but it does not represent a final decision for a course of action for The United Methodist Church. When General Conference receives this recommendation as proposed legislation in May, delegates will be able to adopt it, modify it, or do something different altogether.

Members of the East Ohio General Conference delegation and Bishop Tracy S. Malone will give leadership to this information session. It will be live-streamed also if you wish to watch it online (information will be provided for how to live-stream the session as soon as it is available). Those who wish to carpool together to the information session should plan to leave our church parking lot by 9:15 AM on March 7.

For more information, please contact
Pastor Nathan at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101
 or **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.

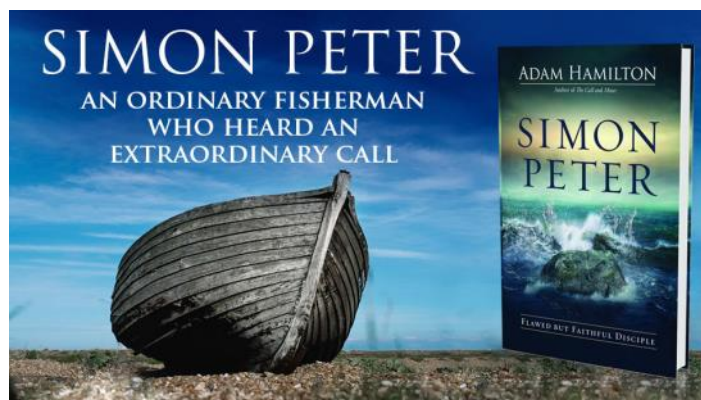
Please continue to pray for our denomination throughout this process.



It's not too late to join us!

**LENTEN STUDY – *SIMON PETER:
THE FLAWED BUT FAITHFUL DISCIPLE***

SUNDAY MORNINGS
10 AM, FELLOWSHIP HALL



Join us for our Sunday Morning Lenten Study -**Simon Peter: The Flawed But Faithful Disciple** by Adam Hamilton. Peter was just an ordinary guy who heard and followed God's extraordinary call. Discover how you, too, have special gifts, talents, and abilities that God can use to make a difference today.

Questions? Please contact **Pastor Carrie** at **440-234-3525 x105** or cantczak@umcb.org.



GOD GAVE US BODIES: A WORKSHOP FOR ALL AGES

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 10 AM - 2 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL & FORMATION ROOMS

We are happy to host a program for all ages to talk about sexuality, identity, gender, and more.

The morning portion will be for adults and youth and serve as a Gender and Sexuality 101 workshop focusing on learning respectful vocabulary, while children enjoy a fun movie and games in a separate space.

Lunch together will bring us back together.

After lunch, parents and young children will attend a "safe touch" and body safety education workshop. Meanwhile, parents of youth will have a round table discussion about raising teens, and teens will have their own sexuality and relationships workshop.

We need support volunteers to make this event happen – we are inviting the public for this important event.

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



MESSY CHURCH - EASTER

MARCH 15, 4-6 PM, FIRST FLOOR

We need lots of hands to make our Messy Easter and Easter Egg hunt a grand expression of love and generosity!

If you are able to help the day of this event with welcoming people, hiding eggs, hosting crafts and activities, or helping with our "Easter Brunch" dinner, please reach out to **Carolyn Williams** (see contact information below) or **Pastor Carrie**. Last year, this was one of our largest Messy Church attendance dates, and we look forward to welcoming a large crowd again!

We also need a LOT of plastic egg FILLERS, including candy and small toys. We have plenty of plastic eggs. Please place donations in the box near the outreach board.

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

A special Messy Church thank you to Jeff Zeager for his donation of three new roasters. They will be very useful for Messy Church as well as the Strawberry Festival and many other church functions.

TEACHING & LEARNING TOGETHER

Youth Mi-Bro-Be

Middleburg, Brookpark, and Berea Area Youth

MARCH 22, 5-6:30 PM, WESLEY HALL

Our new Ecumenical Youth Group is under way! Join us for our second meeting on M as get to know each other better! This is a group of area churches from Middleburg, Brookpark, and Berea. We are thrilled to be the host church location for this new ministry.

This month our theme is the Last Supper as we continue with our theme of "What Jesus Said". Fun large group games will lead into a devotion, and of course there will be food! Wesley Hall Doors will be unlocked. There is no cost to students.

There are at least four other churches joining us, and interest seems to be growing. We hope that with several churches involved we will have a large group of teens who will feel comfortable inviting other school friends. Chances are, our youth already know youth attending these other churches from school. We also hope that we can share our different faith experiences and create a more diverse faith experience.

Want to help out? Please contact **Pastor Carrie** at **440-234-3525 x105** or cantczak@umcb.org.

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

(Open to 7th - 12th Graders)



March 1 - Tobogganing

2 - 4 PM, Strongsville Chalet

March 8 - Games, Food, & Friends

5 - 6:30 PM, Youth Room (Rm 31-32)

March 15 - Messy Church, Easter Egg Hunt

4 - 6 PM, First Floor

See above for more information.

March 22 - Mi-Bro-Be

Ecumenical Youth Group

5 - 6:30 PM, Wesley Hall

See left for more information.

March 28 - God Gave Us Bodies

Sexuality Workshop

10 AM - 2 PM

Fellowship Hall/Formation Rooms

See page 5 for more information.

March 29 - Youth Work Mission Meeting

5 PM, Youth Room (Rm 31-32)

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



SAFE SANCTUARIES UPDATE & TRAINING

TUESDAY, MARCH 3
7 PM, ROOM 13

We love children, youth, and vulnerable adults. Please join us for a training on our updated Safe Sanctuary Guidelines which aim at creating a safe and welcoming faith community. This training should last around 45 minutes. Afterwards, youth ministry leaders are invited to stay for a youth ministry training. Elementary Sunday School training will take place in the fall, though teachers are encouraged to complete their Safe Sanctuary training now.



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

LEARNING TOGETHER



women's retreat

SATURDAY, MARCH 14
9 AM - 4 PM, GATHERING PLACE
COST = \$10/PERSON

Ladies, tired of snow and winter blahs?

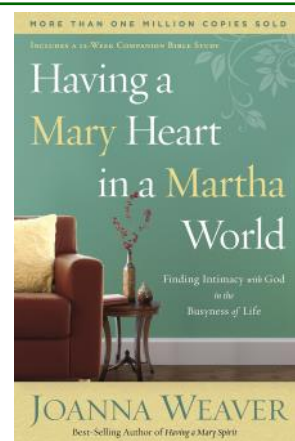
We would like to invite you to a one day Women's Retreat We will be led by Deaconess Sherri Buehl! We will be focused on the book: **Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World** by Joanna Weaver. (No need to buy the book... some of us have the books already.)

The low \$10 cost of the Retreat includes lunch and snacks!

This is a sample of the Bible Study that will be starting the Wednesday after Easter Sunday.

Need more information?

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



COMMISSION ON THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN

A year to rejoice - Women have the vote! 100 years since that amendment was passed and women are now running for offices across America. Victoria Woodhull was the first woman to submit a petition to House Judiciary Committee allowing women to vote. That was a "scandalous" request! In 1872, Susan B. Anthony arrested for attempting to vote. We can thank a few brave women for securing the vote for women. It is a good year to celebrate!

Jo Swanson

['19th Amendment: Woman Suffrage' by Alan LeQuire \(1997\) Tennessee State Capitol 2014 by Ron Cogswell, licensed under CC BY-ND 2.0](#)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Staff Contact Information						
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101 - Pastor Rev. Dr. Nathan Howe, nhowe@umcb.org		103 - Finance and Membership Secretary) Maryann Herron, mherron@umcb.org <i>Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 AM - 3 PM</i>				
<i>Please Note: Pastor Nathan and Pastor Carrie take Friday as a day of rest and renewal. If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact the Church Office (contact info to the left). Messages left on the Church Office phone are monitored during off hours so that messages requiring attendance can be addressed at the earliest opportunity.</i>						
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Please check our online calendar
(www.umcb.org/upcoming-events/)
for the most current events and information.



THE CALLER



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



Spring is Coming! You are welcome in reading group anytime. We start with Joys and Concerns, Devotions, Discussion, and end with Prayer.

MARCH 9

Somewhere in France by Jennifer Robson

Lady Elizabeth Neville-Ashford wants to travel the world, pursue a career, and marry for love. But in 1914, the stifling restrictions of aristocratic British society and her mother's rigid expectations forbid Lilly from following her heart.

APRIL 13

Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again by Rachel Held Evans.

If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, then what is it? What do people mean when they say the Bible is inspired? When Rachel Held Evans found herself asking these questions, she began a quest to better understand what the Bible is and how it is meant to be read. What she discovered changed her—and it will change you too.

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.

FAITH, WOMEN, AND LEADERSHIP INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

MARY ANNE & RICHARD CAVICCHI CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SEMINAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 4 PM - 7:30 PM, ROCKY RIVER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
19414 DETROIT ROAD, ROCKY RIVER, OHIO 44116

Hope of Seminar: How do we work together in our communities of faith, to build beloved community where the gifts of all are fully developed and shared? The program will include women of faith and leadership speaking from their work experiences, conversation among the speakers, a question and answer session, and audience discussion during the provided meal.

Bishop Tracy S. Malone - East Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church, Leads the East Ohio area of The United Methodist Churches as a woman of color

Professor Gina Messina - Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Ursuline College, Catholic feminist scholar

Professor Ellen Posman - Chair of Religion, Associate Professor, Baldwin Wallace University, Understanding Buddhist and Jewish women in her work on comparative religion

Registration will close March 2. Register at <https://www.rumc.org/cavicchi-seminar-sign-up>.
Questions? Please contact cavicchichristianed@gmail.com.



LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING

The February Loose Change Offering for the SCAN Food Pantry totaled \$172.00.

The Loose Change Offering on March 8 will be collected for Hanson House in recognition of Traumatic Brain Injury month.

WELCOME MARYANN HERRON!

Maryann Herron, our Finance/Membership Secretary is happy for the opportunity to serve the congregation of UMCB. She worked for Coca-Cola as an accountant for almost 40 years. She is an Indiana Wesleyan graduate. Married to Dan who works for UPS, she has two grown children Laura Dunker and Patrick, and one amazing grandson Wyatt.

As Maryann gets to know you, please write your names as legibly as possible on your offering envelopes and any other items directed to the Finance Office. This will help ensure your giving is properly credited. You can reach Maryann at mherron@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x103. Her office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9 AM - 3 PM. You are invited to stop by and meet her.

Dear Church Family,

A big thank you for your kind words and best wishes as I retire from the UMCB office staff. Thanks to all who had a part in preparing the fellowship hour, it was wonderful. I joke that after I started working at the church, I gained 20 pounds (all that good Methodist hospitality) but more importantly, I can genuinely say I gained the pleasure getting to know all of you day in and day out.

I am grateful for this church community and the opportunities given to work and serve here. Thanks be to God.

See you in the pew,
Joanne Mansfield

A big heartfelt thank you to those who helped us in hosting our free Wedding Day on February 15, and the Sweetheart Dance that evening. Your expressions of love and blessing are always beautiful and appreciated.



MISSING HEARING ASSIST UNIT

One of the hearing assist units from the Sanctuary is missing. If you know the whereabouts of unit #4, please let an usher know. Thank you.

MARCH 18 CIRCLE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18
9:30 AM, PARLOR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15
9:30 AM, PARLOR

UMW LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, MARCH 21
NOON, FELLOWSHIP HALL

Our Casserole Luncheon will be followed by our speaker Ron Isgro. Ron, who is a long-time Church Member and Berea Resident, will tell us about his Coast to Coast bicycle trip this past summer to raise money for Southwest Hospice Services in memory of his wife Carol Isgro.

Please join us for this fascinating event.
Bring a friend, all are welcome!



Our 2020 UMW books are in the library ready to be checked out! The national organization encourages us to read at least one book in each category to broaden our perspectives.

Please remember to fill out the card that is in the envelope at the back of the book. After a couple of months when you finish reading a book, return it so that it can be shared with others.

Thanks to Marilyn K. Smith for helping get these books ready to be shelved!

Save Your Items for the UMW Garage Sale



UMW SPRING GARAGE SALE

APRIL 22-24, 2020

Please mark your calendars for the UMW Spring Garage Sale! We are looking for all types of items that you may be looking to contribute (no old-style TVs please).

**Donations will be accepted
Sunday, April 19 through April 22.**

The sale will begin Wednesday, April 22.

Early Bird Sale

Wednesday, April 22 - 6 PM-7:30 PM
Admission is \$5.00 per family

Bake Sale Day

Thursday, April 23 - 9 AM - 7 PM

Half Price Day

Friday April 24, 9 AM - 1 PM

Please join us for great deals on clothing, household items, books, outdoor equipment and much much more! There is always something for everyone. Of course, the proceeds of the sale are contributed to the missions that the UMW supports.

Thank you in advance.



FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

March's Food Pantry Collection will take place on Sunday, March 1 and be donated to Church Street Ministries. Foods requested include nutritious breakfast cereals, canned stews, soups with meat and vegetables, canned green vegetable, canned mixed fruit.

Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted. Just mark your envelope or check "SCAN" and place it in the offering plate.

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

LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

This month's Loving Your Neighbors project is showing our love to Parkside Villa Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center. There are many ways you can help us do this:

1. Drop off hello notes or thinking of you cards to Pastor Carrie.
2. Join us for worship at Parkside Villa (7040 Hepburn Rd.) on Sunday, March 1 or April 5 at 2:30 pm on Juniper, 2nd Floor.
3. Please contact **Rev. Linda McCowen** at **216-702-8491** or lsmccowen@gmail.com if you'd like more information on visiting residents who may not have family in our area.

Thank you for continuing to help us show love to our neighbors!

BREAD MINISTRY

We are pleased to be continuing our bread ministry on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays with the new hours of 12-2 PM at the Wesley Hall entrance. If you or anybody you know could benefit from free bakery, please share this ministry with them.

Thank you to our faithful bread ministers who continue to care for this mission.

GETTING AHEAD

The UMCB Missions have been organizing meals once a month and providing childcare, as needed, for a transformational ministry called Getting Ahead. We serve dinner to participants in the "Bridges Out of Poverty" classes offered once a week at a neighborhood church. Last spring's site was St. Matthew's in the Hough district, and starting last fall, we went to Willson UMC on St. Claire. Bridges Out of Poverty is a curriculum that teaches skills and cultural norms to help the working poor rise.

Our last session at Willson on February 4 went well. We brought a feast of Yankee pot roast (thanks to our team of volunteer cooks, led by Darlene Thurau), along with bread, veggies, and a beautiful cake from Dick's Bakery to celebrate their completion of the program. Laura Rushton, Dave and Peter LeBrun met Wendy Jelinek there to set up the meal and have dinner with the group, including their pastor Marc Tibbs. There were two brothers from a family we had met at previous sessions, both good-natured, fun-loving young men. While the class convened, Wendy and Laura cleaned up, and Dave and Pete watched the boys create a slime creature (from a kit supplied by Dave), then play Twister. We rounded out the night with a lively game of Charades for Kids, which brought out Isaiah's acting skills and kept us all entertained. The spirit of Christ was evident throughout the evening as we prayed, broke bread, and shared our stories and favorite films.

Thanks to everyone who contributed food and helped make this program a success.

If you would like to join us, a new group will be starting in Bedford Heights on the second Wednesday of the month. For now, we are only responsible for childcare. We hope to recruit some new volunteers to attend. This is a great opportunity for building fellowship with our Cleveland brethren.

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





SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Recently, a few members of our congregation have expressed a need for helpers to assist with groceries and other light errands.

If you would be interested in serving in this way, please contact **Cindy McCowen** at clmccowen@aol.com or **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

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

To learn more about Multiple Sclerosis, Endometriosis and Multiple Chemical Sensitivity, please see the Church & Society bulletin board and/or visit

www.nationalmssociety.org/Chapters/OHA,
www.endometriosisassn.org
and www.multiplechemicalsensitivity.org.

You are encouraged to wear orange in March, the color for Multiple Sclerosis awareness.

*In memory of Laurie Garvin, friend and advocate for those affected by MS.
Submitted by Wendy Jelinek*

USE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE

GENERAL ELECTIONS - MARCH 17

As United Methodists we are called to use our voice, in this case by casting our votes, to help create a better society for all. Per the **UMC Social Principles** "The strength of a political system depends upon the full and willing participation of its citizens." You are encouraged to **research** issues and candidates and get out and **vote in the March 17 general elections** and future elections. Here are a few resources you can use to research issues and candidates so you can form your own opinion on each. The listing of these websites is not an endorsement of them, rather simply a list of a few resources that are available and that can provide helpful information.

Information on issues and candidates: League of Women Voters: <https://www.vote411.org/>

Information on judges: Judge4Yourself: <https://www.judge4yourself.com/>

Information on voting records of elected officials on various issues: <http://scorecard.lcv.org/>

Find out what's on *your* ballot and other voting information: <https://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/>

As you've probably heard before, voting is a right in America but also a privilege as many people around the world do not have the right to vote or may be threatened if they try to do so. If you want to support the troops, get out and vote.

Submitted by Wendy Jelinek for Church & Society

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We live into our mission by:

