



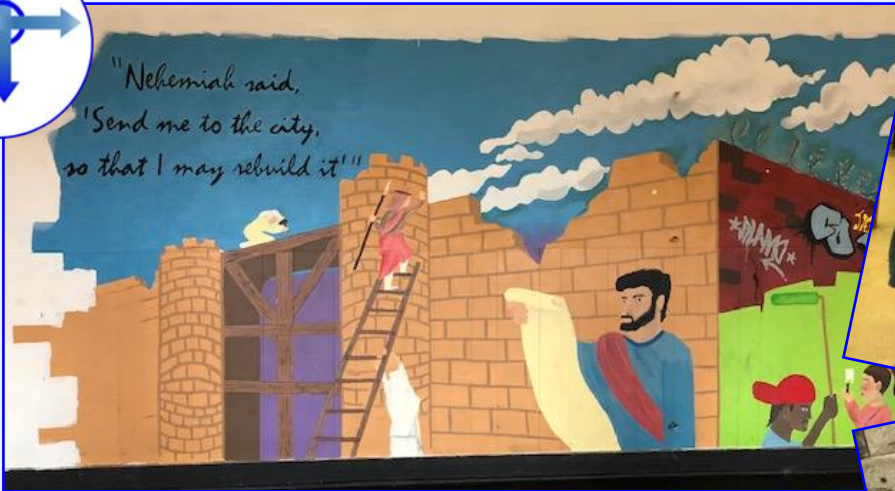
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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, COMPASSION, & JUSTICE



DAY ONE AT NEHEMIAH MISSION: JUNE 22

We served at Trials of Hope preparing grocery distributions, began work on a laundry room that will serve refugee families at the mission, did repairs in a shower, and our awesome youth constructed EIGHT picnic tables that will allow the mission to continue their Bread on Bridge dinner and worship outdoors, making it safer through the pandemic.

DAY TWO AT NEHEMIAH MISSION: JUNE 23

Another great day serving at Nehemiah Mission! Today we handed out toiletries in a food pantry at Denison UCC, finished the community laundry room at the mission, sorted clothes for new project, and got to serve and participate in Bread on Bridge dinner and worship.

Thanks for everyone's support of our team!



THE CALLER



FEED THE KIDS

We are again helping with the Feed the Kids program in Berea. Disbursement has been narrowed down for reduced contact, and therefore, we are only distributing prepared lunches on Mondays (with enough lunches to cover multiple days). Our week of service will be the week of July 27th.

If you are able to help with this program, either by hands-on service or by making a financial gift, please contact Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.

FLOWER GARDENS AROUND THE CHURCH BUILDING



Even though we are not yet meeting in person inside our building, our flower beds around the outside of the building could use some attention and care. If you have some time to spare and would like the opportunity to enjoy the fresh air, please feel free to stop by and pull some weeds.

If you need more information, please contact Pastor Nathan at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101.



FEELING THE NEED TO GET OUTSIDE AND PLANT SOMETHING?

How about native plants that attract butterflies? Here's a couple of resources that give some ideas for flowers to plant that are not only pretty but also attract one or more of our important pollinators:

[http://www.backyardhabitat.info/PDF Files/attract butterfly ohio.pdf](http://www.backyardhabitat.info/PDF%20Files/attract%20butterfly%20ohio.pdf)

[https://www.nwf.org/-/media/Documents/PDFs/Garden-for-Wildlife/Attracting Butterflies tipsheet.ashx?](https://www.nwf.org/-/media/Documents/PDFs/Garden-for-Wildlife/Attracting%20Butterflies%20tipsheet.ashx?la=en&hash=D0B181FCDE03E92AC35888B20A43C2AB17B6B49C&hash=D0B181FCDE03E92AC35888B20A43C2AB17B6B49C)


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**PRAYING FOR CHANGE:
DAILY PRAYERS FOR ANTI-RACISM
FROM DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES**

Discipleship Ministries of our United Methodist Church is providing resources and guidance to help bathe our current moment and work together in prayer. From Monday through Friday, new prayers are being posted and can be received by email.

For more information and to sign up to receive these resources at your email address, visit <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/praying-for-change-daily-prayers-for-anti-racism>.

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

All are invited to join us on Zoom for a series of videos and conversations about racialized injustice and what we can do to resist this injustice, both in ourselves and in our communities. We will use a resource from the General Commission on Religion and Race of our United Methodist Church. We began on June 15 and the remaining schedule will be:

Monday, July 6, 7 PM

“Meaningful Conversations on Race”

Monday, July 13, 7 PM

“Continued Struggles in Race Relations”

Monday, July 20, 7 PM

“Intersections of Oppression”

Please RSVP to **Pastor Nathan** at
nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101
for more information and if you plan to participate.



THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 14
6:30-8 PM, LOCATION TBD

The 2020-2021 Read and Grow Book Discussion Group invites YOU to join us on Monday, September 14, from 6:30-8 PM. (Place to be determined). Each month's discussion is led by a different member of the Group.

SEPTEMBER 14

Galileo's Daughter A Historical Memoir of Science, Faith, and Love

by Dava Sobel

The book is based on the surviving letters of Galileo Galilei's daughter, the nun Suor Maria Celeste, and explores the relationship between Galileo, and his daughter. The book also chronicles some of Galileo's scientific work which led him to adopt the Copernican system, in which the Sun is the center of the Solar System with all the planets orbiting it.

OCTOBER 12

Now Is the Time to Open Your Heart

by Alice Walker

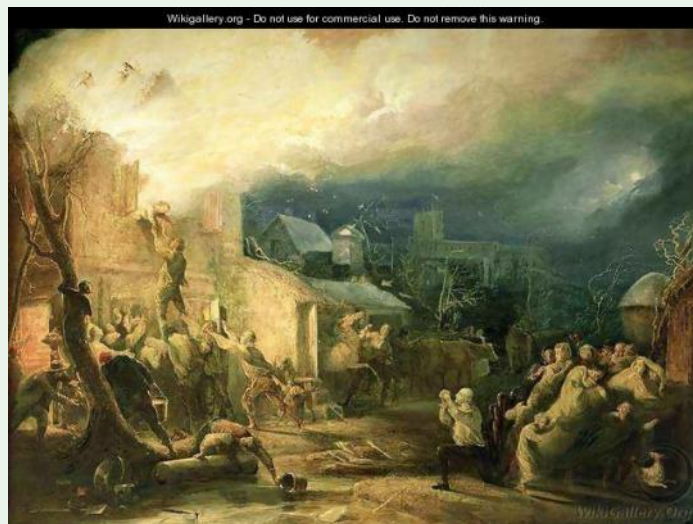
Kate, a successful author, fearful of aging and uncertain about continuing her relationship with Yolo, an artist, sets off on a journey of spiritual discovery. Yolo, on his own separate journey. Despite their frictions, Kate and Yolo have similar reawakenings about the land as mother, overcoming personal and ethnic oppression, and dismantling barriers between the sexes, the races, and young and old.

If you have questions, please contact **Janet Mallarnee** at 440-235-7331, **Betsy Meikle** at 440-243-5767 or **Jan Harlamert** at 440-243-7126.

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN

Life is ever faced with challenges! No one faced more than Susanna Wesley! Having birthed more than 20 children she was faced with a fire that took her home in Epworth, England. There was no library in the town and few people were interested in the life of the church. Susanna's husband was often out of town. The clergyman left in charge spent his time asking for money. She decided to read from sermons her husband had written. Her children and servants plus their families joined and they prayed that God would watch over them. "You must think to live like the rest of the world." Susanna wrote, "I am content to fill a little space if God be glorified." A prayer we could share.

Jo Swanson



"The Rescue of John Wesley from the Epworth Rectory Fire"

(Image courtesy of [WikiGallery.org](https://www.wikigallery.org).)

Learn more about the fire and its role in shaping the Wesleys at <http://ee.umc.org/what-we-believe/shaped-by-tragedy-and-grace-wesleys-rescue-from-fire>.



Children of all ages, including grown-ups, are encouraged to join us for Vacation Bible School -

Compassion Camp!

Register between by July 10 at www.umcb.online-formation-resources and then pick up a bag of supplies July 18-19. VBS week is July 20-24.

We'll livestream VBS each morning on a private Facebook group where you can comment and send in your pictures. When livestream is over, enjoy crafts, games, and mission projects from your home or yard!

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

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH FAITH FORMATION THIS FALL

We know that our world looks very different and we are preparing for the fall. Faith Formation is more important than ever for our youngest disciples. We know that they need our loving support, faithful witness, and anchors for an ever changing world.

Please help us know what would be most helpful for your family in the upcoming parent survey that will come to you by email at the end of this month and will be posted on our website.

In the meantime, please let Pastor Carrie know how you are doing and how we can best support your children and youth at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.



Sunday,
July 5, 2020

Fifth Sunday
after Pentecost

Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Psalm 45.10-17 or Psalm 72
(UMH 795)
Romans 7.15-25a
Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30

For Reflection and Conversation:

What misplaced burdens are you carrying? Where might God be offering you a more well-fitted yoke? Where are your expectations of God and the church unmet? Where do you sense God moving in hidden ways?

Sunday,
July 12, 2020

Sixth Sunday
after Pentecost

Genesis 25.19-34
Psalm 119.105-112 or
Psalm 25(UMH 756)
Romans 8.1-11
Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

For Reflection and Conversation:

How is God's resurrecting Spirit at work in you and in your community? Where are you experiencing new life? Where are you struggling? How might God be bringing new life in or through that struggle?

Sunday,
July 19, 2020

Seventh Sunday
after Pentecost

Genesis 28.10-19a
Psalm 139.1-12, 23-24 (UMH 854)
Romans 8.12-25
Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

For Reflection and Conversation:

How has your understanding of the relationship between suffering and faith (or vulnerability and trust) changed over time? What experiences of God's grace do you need to acknowledge and celebrate today and this week?

Sunday,
July 26, 2020

Eighth Sunday
after Pentecost

Genesis 29.15-28
Psalm 105.1-11, 45b (UMH 828)
Romans 8.26-39
Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

For Reflection and Conversation:

Are there dilemmas or relationships in which you feel separated from the love of God? Can you imagine that God might be at work there, bringing life in unexpected ways? What would change if you were to claim the promise that nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord?

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, July 5):

As the darkness recedes,
open my eyes to the gift of this new day;
help me to trust you with all that it will hold.
In the hours to come, as my plans are interrupted,
tun my ear to the sound of your voice,
my eye to the movement of your Spirit,
and my heart to the strength of your desire.
Help me to glimpse your hidden graces
and be strengthened in your service,
for I would be your instrument. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, July 5):

Merciful God,
I come weary, grateful for the chance
to meet you in the silence,
eager to be washed again in your claim.
Lift from me the burdens I do not easily yield.
In your gracious provision,
fit me with a better yoke,
that I might rest as a child secure
and rise with a teachable spirit. Amen.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, July 12):

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.
Living Word, shine on this day.
Quicken my steps, and open my ears
that I might approach each neighbor
with an expectant ear and open heart. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, July 12):

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.
Beacon of truth,
I entrust to you now the day that has been:
the tasks accomplished and the tasks overlooked;
the friends acknowledged and the friends ignored;
the silence kept and the silence squandered.
In your mercy, mend these tattered offerings.
Grant me the gift of rest this night. Amen.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, July 19):

In whatever shelter I wake this morning,
I know this place is holy because you are here.
As I wash my body and prepare for the day,
I remember baptismal waters
and your claim upon my life.
Wherever darkness looms, O God,
fill with your mercy this day. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, July 19):

As darkness spreads over the land,
I trust that you move in it.
As I yield the night to sleep and dreams,
I pray you would remake me
into a bold servant, for the sake of Jesus.
Amen.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, July 26):

God of life,
as I recall the night's unsettled dreams
and foresee the day's demands,
come to me in the desires of my heart,
in the anger of the excluded,
in all I might ignore—
until I find you everywhere,
until your holy love fills every impulse,
in the Spirit of Jesus,
whose surprising call continues. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, July 26):

Joy of my heart,
thank you for this day's unexpected turns:
for provision when I felt stymied
and for laughter born of grace.
As I rest now in your mercy,
open my heart to your unruly love
and the neighbors you have set in my path.
Amen.



SHARING GOD'S LOVE

ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO GIVE

Thank you for the many ways you have continued to support the mission and ministry of The UMC of Berea through your financial offerings, both online (www.umcb.org/donate) or by mailing a check to the church office.

The ministry of our congregation has not decreased, even during this season of physical separation. Please remember to continue your financial support of our work together to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Your financial generosity is more important now than ever!

Thank you!



CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING



WEDNESDAYS IN JULY, 7 PM

All are welcome to join us on the north lot of our property on Wednesday evenings in July (weather-permitting) for brief worship services to re-center and re-focus together around scripture and prayer in the middle of the week.

Please bring your own chair, wear face coverings, and maintain safe social distance (six feet) from members of other households.

For more information or with any questions, please contact **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101.



A BIG thank you to all who supported the United Methodist Women's recent plant sale.

We sold 80+ coupons (and 80 were redeemed!)

So glad we could help you and your garden.

SURVIVOR'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCH SCHEDULE

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| July 6, 2020 - Perkins | August 3, 2020 - Max & Erma's |
| July 13, 2020 - Blue Jade (Chinese Kmart) | August 10, 2020 - Maya Mexican |
| July 20, 2020 - Bob Evans | August 17, 2020 - Falls Family Restaurant |
| July 27, 2020 - Perkins | August 24, 2020 - Goldie's Deli |
| | August 31, 2020 - Olive Garden |
| September 7, 2020 - No Lunch (Labor Day Holiday) | |



CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS

Bruce Akins
Betty Atherton
Heidi Blue
Jean Brenneison
Barba Dawson
Cleda Fletcher
Molly Force
Carol Heskett
Mary Lou Hunger
Jack Irely
Larry Jelinek
Joyce McGee

Betty Miller
Judy Mollison
Rev. Cal Myers
Donna O'Brien
Esther O'Hearn
Donald Powers
Lou Russell
Russ Sanderson
Carol Thompson
Kathleen Wargelin
Gloria Wharton
Megan Williams

MEMBERS AT HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Dick Baker (Devon Oaks, Westlake)
Shirley Bedford (Independence Village)
Ann Benson (Western Reserve-Medina)
Donna Dial (Kemper House)
Pat Harf (Vitalia Senior Residences, Strongsville)
Janice Kavander
Pat Sarka (Gardens at Westlake)
Barbara Scoon (Generations)
Edna Thomason (Symphony)
Ruth Vrana (Generations, Strongsville)
Bob Warner (Kemper House, Strongsville)
Eva Williamson (Western Reserve-Medina)

MILITARY

J.D. Ferut (grandson of Gerry & Jo Boggs)
Ryan Hopkins
Ron Krueger (son-in-law of Georgiann Baesel)
Bill Lambert (son-in-law of Corky Cline)
Ben Lebrun
Zachary New (grandson of Bob & Jackie King)

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Prayers of thanksgiving for the 56th Wedding Anniversary of Dean & Lin Rowland on June 13, 2020.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND LOVE

We reach out in Christian sympathy and love to Diane Hovorka and Family on the passing of her husband, Russell Hovorka. Russell went on to rest in God's eternal peace on June 3, 2020.

We reach out in Christian sympathy and love to Dean Rowland and Family. Dean's brother, Bruce, went on to rest in God's eternal peace on June 6, 2020.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Harry (brother of Verlaine Anderson)
Joshua Baker (grandson of Nancy Best)
Marc Bittinger
Dave Breakey (friend of the Brenniesons)
Mike (cousin of the Brenniesons)
Terri Christian (mother of Pastor Carrie Antczak)
Patty (cousin of Barb Dawson)
Amanda, Dan, & baby Devin DeNardy (family of Darlene Anderson)
AmyMarie Dziak (daughter of Marlynda Dziak)
Spencer Gehring
Jack Howe (Parent of Nathan & Megan Howe)
Sylvie Isgro-Schicker
Paul McMillin (son of Andrew & Christine McMillin)
Joan Mraz (friend of Nancy Schillace)
Mark Nath (friend of Larry Jelinek)
Jeremy Piper
Bob Steele (nephew of Mary Lynn Swartz)
Tim Stevens & his family (son of Jan & Paul Harlamert)
Chet Talarczyk (husband of Judy Talarczyk)
Maria Villa (niece of Russ & Ruthann Simon)
Harlan Waid (parent of Nathan & Megan Howe)
Julie Wharton (daughter of Hal & Gloria Wharton)

CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING

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).



RESOURCES FOR STAYING CONNECTED—ONLINE AND BY PHONE

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES
LIVE AT 11 AM

Join us in worship online through Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos). (No Facebook account is required.) If you have a Facebook account, like or follow our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/umcberea) for easier access to our live broadcast. Each week's worship service will be available to view after the live broadcast at www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos.

Worship bulletins can be accessed in advance at www.umcb.org/sermons. Videos, sermons, and bulletins from previous Sundays are also available here.

If you do not have online access, you can use your telephone to join us for audio only of the worship service: dial **1-888-788-0099**, and enter meeting ID **961 8451 9312** when prompted to do so.



FRIDAYS, 9 AM

Children's Chapel is at 9 AM on Fridays. It's a fun way for your kiddos to start the day! Please share this fun program with your family and friends.

You don't need to be local to join us since we use Zoom (meeting ID **820 1966 6376**)! We gather together for half an hour of praise, Bible stories, and prayer. Come in your jammies from your living room, yard, sandbox, or wherever!

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION
SUNDAYS AT 10 AM

On Sundays in July, join us for a new study: *Hope for the Hard Times: Lessons on Faith from Elijah and Elisha*. Together, we will discover how these two prophets trusted God to find a way for them through difficult times.

Join us online: <https://zoom.us/j/487816871> or by phone: dial **1-888-788-0099** and enter meeting ID **487 816 871**

WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER
MONDAYS—FRIDAYS, 9 AM

Join Pastor Nathan for 15 minutes of praise, prayer, and scripture, every weekday at 9 AM.

Join us online: <https://zoom.us/j/518014483> or by phone: dial **1-888-788-0099** and enter meeting ID **518 014 483**.

PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER REQUESTS

Please reach to me (440-234-3525 x101 or nhowe@umcb.org) if you would like to schedule an individual time to talk or have a specific prayer request. Likewise, if you find yourself needing food or other supplies and unable to get them, please do not hesitate to contact me; we have a team of generous servants ready to respond.

EOC ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEMBERS
TO MEET VIRTUALLY SEPTEMBER 26-27
FOR AC 2020

(from [June 4, EOC News](#).)

By **Rick Wolcott**, *director of Communications for
the East Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church*



Out of an abundance of care for all members of Annual Conference, Bishop Tracy S. Malone, after prayerful discernment and in consultation with the Extended Cabinet, leadership of the Board of Ministry, and the Annual Conference secretary, has made the decision that Annual Conference 2020, and the Clergy Executive Session that precedes it, will be conducted virtually on the previously announced dates of September 25-27.

The prayerful decision was made now to provide as much time as possible for the Annual Conference planning team to do the work of reviewing all options and selecting the best online platform for providing powerful worship and conducting the essential business of Annual Conference 2020 *Bearing Fruit that Lasts: Connected*.

In working to host Annual Conference in the safest way possible for the 1,500 conference members, Bishop Malone discussed with the Conference Executive Directors information that the AC planning team had gathered from the Ohio Department of Health, from local medical professionals, from Lakeside Chautauqua, and from other UMC annual conferences before making the decision to switch to virtual sessions.

“After experiencing months of physical distancing, we had high hopes of gathering together in-person for Annual Conference and for the Clergy Executive Session. This was a difficult but necessary decision to make now due to the challenges we would face putting precautionary health and safety measures in place, and to be good stewards of EOC staff time and Lakeside Chautauqua staff time in preparing for a conference that might not be able to take place in-person. At this point, it doesn’t appear as if the scaling back of restrictions is moving at a pace that would enable six-foot social distancing to be rescinded by time we meet in September,” said Bishop Tracy S. Malone.

The Bishop and East Ohio Conference leadership thanked Lakeside Chautauqua Interim Director Dan Dudley for the time that he and Lakeside’s leadership have invested in working with the Conference to host a postponed Annual Conference. They also expressed their disappointment that we will not be able to gather in-person on the shores of Lake Erie as planned this year for a time of Christian fellowship and to conduct the essential business of Annual Conference 2020.

There is much work to be done in the coming weeks and months. Once decisions have been made and details can be announced for the virtual Clergy Executive Session on September 25 and the virtual session of Annual Conference 2020 on September 26-27, they will be posted on the Conference website (<https://www.eocumc.com>) and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/eocumc>), published in the Conference bi-weekly electronic newsletter E-News, and e-mailed to the clergy and laity of the East Ohio Conference.

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We live into our mission by:

