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THANK YOU!



Thank you to the many families who participated in this year's VBS online! It was such a gift to learn and reflect about compassion with all of you!

A special thank you to our station leaders (and directors, videographers, and so much more) Rebecca Patton, Grace Dahl & Leslie Bell. These young adult leaders made this experience possible!

Thanks also to our community members who sent in personal reflections!



Creating care packages for mail carriers



Acting out Bible stories at home with toys



We'll share more pictures with you next month!

SHARING GOD'S LOVE



FEED THE KIDS

A big thank you to the many hearts and hands that supported our two weeks of the Feed the Kids program.

The response from our community was overwhelming and wonderful.



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

Join us beginning August 9 for discussions on **God and the Pandemic: A Christian Reflection on the Coronavirus and its Aftermath** by N.T. Wright. See page 8 for more information.

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 out to **Pastor Nathan** at **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.

CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING



CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS

Bruce Akins	Larry Jelinek
Betty Atherton	Joyce McGee
Barbara Beihl	Betty Miller
Heidi Blue	Judy Mollison
Jean Brenneison	Rev. Cal Myers
Barb Dawson	Donna O'Brien
Donna Dial	Esther O'Hearn
Cleda Fletcher	Donald Powers
Molly Force	Lou Russell
Carol Forster	Russ Sanderson
Carol Heskett	Carol Thompson
Mary Lou Hunger	Kathleen Wargelin
Jack Irely	Gloria Wharton

MEMBERS AT HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Dick Baker (Devon Oaks, Westlake)
 Shirley Bedford (Independence Village)
 Ann Benson (Western Reserve-Medina)
 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...

... for the Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary of Sam & Mary Jane Weaver on July 13, 2020.
 ... for the Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary of Von & Marilyn Smith on July 24, 2020.

WE REACH OUT IN

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND LOVE...

... to Sharon Williams & Family on the passing of Rev. Kenneth Williams. Kenneth went on to rest in God's eternal peace on July 4, 2020.
 ... to Gloria & Hal Wharton & Family on the passing of Julie Wharton, their daughter. Julie went on to rest in God's eternal peace on July 6, 2020.
 ... to the Dial Family on the passing of Donna Dial. Donna went on to rest in God's eternal peace on July 11, 2020.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Wayne Applebee (fiancé of Corky Cline)
 Harry (brother of Verlaine Anderson)
 Joshua Baker (grandson of Nancy Best)
 Bill Barrett & Colleen Larkey (family of the Larkeys)
 Marc Bittinger
 Dave Breakey (friend of the Brenniesons)
 Dennis (friend of the Brenniesons)
 Mike (cousin of the Brenniesons)
 Terri Christian (mother of Pastor Carrie Antczak)
 Patty (cousin of Barb Dawson)
 Susan (sister of Barb Dawson)
 AmyMarie Dziak (daughter of Marlynda Dziak)
 Spencer Gehring
 Sylvie Isgro-Schicker
 Paul McMillin (son of Andrew & Christine McMillin)
 Joan Mraz (friend of Nancy Schillace)
 Mark Nath (friend of Larry Jelinek)
 Jeremy Piper
 Jessica Randall (niece of Kathy Zacharyasz)
 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)

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).



SHARING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, DURING THE 11 AM ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE



On Sunday, August 2, we will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion together during our livestream worship service. If you do not have the prepackaged Communion elements that were available for pickup during July 29's food collection, please feel free to use whatever bread you might have in your house.

If you have any questions, please contact **Pastor Nathan** at **440-234-3525 x101** or nhowe@umcb.org.

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE (IN-PERSON)
WEDNESDAYS, 7 PM, NORTH LOT

All are welcome to join us on the north lot of our property on Wednesday evenings in August (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, contact **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x101**.



CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING

SURVIVOR'S FELLOWSHIP
LUNCH SCHEDULE

AUGUST 3, 2020
MAX & ERMA'S

AUGUST 10, 2020
MAYA MEXICAN

AUGUST 17, 2020
FALLS FAMILY RESTAURANT

AUGUST 24, 2020
GOLDIE'S DELI

AUGUST 31, 2020
OLIVE GARDEN

SEPTEMBER 7, 2020
NO LUNCH (LABOR DAY HOLIDAY)

**Student & School Staff
Drive-thru
Back-to-School
Blessing**

**August 16, 12-2 PM
Drive Past on Seminary St.**



This school year is a little different. Let us pray for you and send you into the year with a little more peace and a blessing. Drive up past our red doors on Seminary St. for a blessing and a small token of peace. All teachers, school staff, and students of all ages are welcome. Pastors will be a safe distance away and will be wearing face coverings.

We hope to pray with you with soon!



FLOWER GARDENS AROUND THE CHURCH BUILDING

Thank you to all those who have taken time to give some attention and care to our flower beds around the outside of the building.

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. (There are always plenty to pull.)

Questions? Please contact Pastor Nathan at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101.



SUPPORT OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

WEDNESDAYS, 5 PM - 8 PM
IN THE UMCB PARKING LOT

Dave LeBrun will be in the church parking lot, practicing safe social distancing and receiving your donations of non-perishable food items to support our local Food Pantries. Canned meat (e.g. tuna or chicken) especially is being requested.

If you are not planning already to make a trip to the grocery store, please feel free to participate with a monetary donation instead, either by mailing a check to the church office or online at www.umcb.org/donate. Please note "food pantry" on the description line.

Thank you for your generous participation.

WHAT DO I DO WITH . . . ?

If you live in the city of Berea and have hazardous household waste (eg. oil-based paint, pesticides, motor oil, gasoline) to dispose of, they are hosting a collection event on August 13, 14, and August 15. For latex paint, you can simply add cat litter to the can to absorb the paint and then throw the can in the garbage. The city is also collecting old electronics such as desktop or laptop computers, printers or cell phones.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.cityofberea.org>. Your city may also have a collection of such items.

Also, if you have some usable items that you want to give away but that organizations don't want (eg. old windows - that could be used for an art piece), you can try listing them on <http://www.nextdoor.com> or <https://www.freecycle.org/>.

Wendy Jelinek for Church & Society



<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, August 2, 2020</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Genesis 32.22-31</i> <i>Psalms 17.1-7, 15</i> <i>(UMH 749)</i> <i>Romans 9.1-5</i> <i>Matthew 14.13-21</i></p>	<p><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i> In Genesis 32.24, we read that “Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.” How have times of struggle affected your walk with God? How does your relationship with God affect your view of persisting problems in the world, e.g. hunger, poverty, climate injustice, etc.?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, August 9, 2020</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Genesis 37.45.1-15</i> <i>Psalms 105.1-6, 16-22, 45b</i> <i>(UMH 828)</i> <i>Romans 10.5-15</i> <i>Matthew 14.22-33</i></p>	<p><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i> In Matthew 14, why do you think Jesus sends the disciples ahead while he stays to pray alone? How do times of turmoil and anxiety affect your trust of God?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, August 16, 2020</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Genesis 45.1-15</i> <i>Psalms 133 (UMH 850)</i> <i>Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32</i> <i>Matthew 15.(10-20) 21-28</i></p>	<p><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i> In Matthew 15, why do you think Jesus resisted the Canaanite woman’s request? How does this fit with your idea of Jesus’ mercy and love? What changed his mind? How does this influence your faith in God?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, August 23, 2020</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Exodus 1.8-2.10</i> <i>Psalms 124 (UMH 846)</i> <i>Romans 12.1-8</i> <i>Matthew 16.13-20</i></p>	<p><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i> When have you succeeded in resisting the forces that seek to “conform us to the world”? How has that felt like “spiritual worship”? What are the ways you most readily answer Jesus’ question “Who do you say that I am?”</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, August 30, 2020</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Exodus 3.1-15</i> <i>Psalms 105.1-6, 23-26, 45c</i> <i>(UMH 828)</i> <i>Romans 12.9-21</i> <i>Matthew 16.21-28</i></p>	<p><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i> How can your life include a faithful response to Jesus’ charge that his followers must “deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me” (Matthew 16.24)?</p>

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, August 2):
Thank you for holding me through the night, O God,
and for waking me to behold your likeness today.
Go with me now as I walk with you.
Show me the world and its people
through your eyes of compassion.
Bless me, break me, and move through me
to heal and feed those who hunger for you. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, August 2):
O God, tonight I lay my failures,
anxieties, struggles,
and unfinished business at your feet.
Hold me, bless me, and change me
as I find my rest in you. Amen.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, August 9):
God of my destiny, thank you for a new day
in which your purpose will unfold.
Send me now as your servant and disciple,
sharing your good news through deed and word.
Help me to remember during times of difficulty
that your word goes ahead of me and upholds me.
Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, August 9):
God of love, this day has been crowded
with work and service.
This evening, bring me alone with you
to the mountain to pray.
Help me to know your reassuring presence
with me through the night hours.
May I come to you and rest in you. Amen.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, August 16):
Merciful God, this day is full of your possibilities
for healing and reconciliation,
for new beginnings and restored relationships.
Unite my heart with your will
so that your abundant anointing
will flow through me.
Send me with your blessings
to the lives of those in need. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, August 16):
God of the night watches,
guard me from terror,
release me from distress.
Call me close to you
and mark me with your favor
that I may rest secure in you. Amen.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, August 23):
Today, O God, help me receive your revelation
that Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ,
the Son of the living God.
It is in your name that I seek to live and pray.
Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, August 23):
Holy God, for anything I did this day
that was pleasing to you,
I give you thanks and pray that you use me;
for anything I did this day
that was displeasing to you,
I ask your forgiveness and pray
that you redeem me. Amen.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, August 30):
God of love, today help us to live peaceably with all.
Help us live in genuine love:
loving our neighbors as ourselves,
and loving you, O God,
with our whole heart, mind, and strength.
In Jesus' loving name, Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, August 30):
Holy God, because you have been with us today,
we have stood on holy ground. Thank you.
We know that you will remain with us
through the night. Thank you.
We know that you will be with us again tomorrow.
Thank you.
In Jesus' holy name, Amen.



THE CALLER

YOUTH GROUP FALL 2020

THE LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH, 5-6:30 PM

Join us last Sundays of each month at 5 PM for a physically-distanced and safe social experience! A short devotion and prayer will kick off the fun. Face coverings required. Show off your best designs!
Plan Purple kicks in if our county is level 4/purple.

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



AUGUST 30
 PUTT-PUTT & DAIRY QUEEN

Plan Purple

*Screen Share movie night
 Pick up your treats Sunday
 morning on the church porch.*



SEPTEMBER 27
 METROPARK GAMES

Plan Purple

*Zoom Games Extravaganza!
 Both include prizes!!*



OCTOBER 25
 PUMPKIN CARVING,
 PAINTING, AND EXPLODING

Plan Purple

Virtual Costume Party & Games

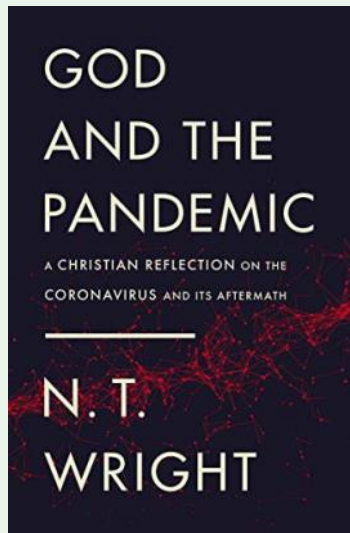
TEACHING & LEARNING TOGETHER

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

GOD AND THE PANDEMIC:

A CHRISTIAN REFLECTION ON THE CORONAVIRUS AND ITS AFTERMATH

SUNDAYS BEGINNING AUGUST 9, 10 AM VIA ZOOM



For four weeks in August, join us on Sunday mornings at 10 am via Zoom for a conversation that puts our current experience of pandemic into the context of our Christian scriptures and tradition, based on this recent book by N.T. Wright, professor of New Testament and early Christianity at the University of St. Andrews.

You are welcome to purchase the book but do not need to do so to join us for our conversations as we consider questions related to our experience of pandemic including, *What should be the Christian response? How should we think about God and God's role? How do we live in the present moment? What can we learn about ourselves? and How do we recover?*



RALLY DAY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13



Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 13!

We will be kicking off our new Sunday School Format for children and youth (details to come!) as well as highlighting Adult Faith Formation opportunities.

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



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.



THURSDAY WOMEN'S
BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAYS, 6:30 - 8 PM

Our Bible Study has started a new study and all are welcome join!!!

Determined

by Heather M. Dixon

In this six week study of Luke, we will follow the life and ministry of Jesus, as we consider the choices He made on His way to the cross. Together we will determine to embrace the abundant life we are promised in Jesus!

Books can be ordered through Amazon.

Come join us on Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM...

Online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85619179718?pwd=NUIFR3dUc0lKdkM2OVIWbHcwblpCdz09>

By phone: 1-888-788-0099

Meeting ID 856 1917 9718

Password 600537

Questions?

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

COMMISSION ON THE
STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN

Women have taken up the challenge of running for elective office in this year - 100th anniversary of being granted the right to vote, Ruth Bader Ginsburg achieved her Supreme Court seat in 1993. Although she is suffering from health problems, Ginsburg has kept up her challenge.

Jo Swanson



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COMPROMISED EMAIL ACCOUNTS

Over the past few months, we know that there has been an increase in email accounts being hacked and misused. If you receive an email that seems suspicious, do not open any links or respond to the email. You can contact the sender directly with a new email or by phone. However, please be aware that the sender may be receiving many of these notifications and it may not be possible to respond to all of them.

If this has happened to you and you have had to change your email address, please be sure to contact the church office to update your contact information.

And if you are in need of the most up-to-date contact directory for our congregation, please contact the **church office** at info@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x100**. (Digital copies are available to be sent to your email.)

TEACHING & LEARNING TOGETHER

GUIDELINES FOR MINISTRY AND BUILDING USE
DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

(revised and updated on 21 July 2020)

As we continue living together into our mission to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, the Ohio Public Advisory System (accessible at <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/covid-19/public-health-advisory-system>) will be utilized as a tool to assess the degree of COVID-19 spread in our local community and to adjust the way we do ministry as we continue to prioritize the well-being of our neighbors, especially those who are most vulnerable and our healthcare system as a whole. The following provides a basic outline of the implications of Public Health Emergency Levels 3 and 4 for our ministry, building use, and life together.

<i>When the risk level for Cuyahoga County is determined to be...</i>	<i>the Ohio Department of Health requires that we...</i>	<i>As a congregation, this means that we will love our neighbors by...</i>	<i>and we will continue living into our mission and growing as disciples by...</i>
Level 4—Purple	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stay at home except for necessary supplies and services • maintain social distancing (minimum of 6 feet) when in public • wear face coverings in public • follow good hygiene standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • temporarily suspending all in-person gatherings both inside the church building and on church property 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gathering online for worship • gathering online for faith formation for all ages • collecting items for local food pantries • participating in other outreach and mission opportunities as we are able
Level 3—Red	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stay at home if symptomatic • maintain social distancing and wear face coverings when in public • follow good hygiene standards • decrease in-person interactions • consider necessary travel only • limit in-person gatherings of any number 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inviting only those unable to worship online to attend in the Sanctuary in person • wearing face coverings and maintaining safe social distance in the building and on church property • inviting AA groups to meet in Wesley Hall • considering other requests for building use on a case-by-case basis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gathering online for worship • inviting only those unable to worship online to attend in the Sanctuary in person • gathering for in-person worship outside the building • gathering online for faith formation for all ages • gathering outside in small groups • collecting items for local food pantries • participating in other outreach and mission opportunities as we are able

When Cuyahoga County moves into Levels 1 and 2, we will provide updated information regarding implications for our congregation. We anticipate that these will include expanding in-person, indoor worship and faith formation opportunities while maintaining social distancing and wearing face coverings and continuing to offer opportunities online for those who are at-risk or uncomfortable gathering in person. If you have any questions about any of these guidelines, please contact **Pastor Nathan** at 440-234-3525 x101 or nhowe@umcb.org.

The Caller

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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:

