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### 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 as well as highlighting Adult Faith Formation opportunities.

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



### CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH FORMATION

We're excited to be offering Virtual Faith Formation this year on Zoom video conferencing! You'll see your Sunday School teachers and classmates, hear more stories and Scriptures together, and discover new ways God is reaching out to us and working within us.

Please be sure to fill out this year's registration form with new vital information we'll need from each family at <http://www.umcb.org/child-youth-formation-registration-page/>. We are excited to welcome children and youth from our community in these groups as well - so give them a warm welcome! Have a friend you'd like to join us? Send us their contact information and we'll be sure to send an invite.

We will continue to use curriculum from SparkHouse Publishing - but with a virtual twist! 7th-12th grade will meet on Zoom every Sunday at 12 PM.

Preschool - 6th grade will meet via a private Facebook group for family-led Sunday School lessons, with our favorite videos and characters we met last year. This will work a lot like VBS - and we were happy with that success. We are also asking the congregation to volunteer to help read and record Bible stories! Then, once a month, children will be invited to a special workshop on Zoom to see each other's faces and grow deeper in their faith.

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### YOUTH GROUP

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

Join us 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 at level 4/purple.

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**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*

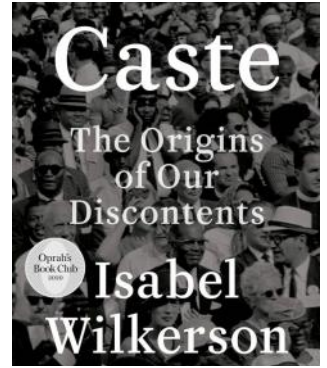




BOOK DISCUSSION:  
*CASTE: THE ORIGINS OF OUR DISCONTENTS*  
BY ISABEL WILKERSON

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 6:30 PM, ON ZOOM

On Monday, September 28 at 6:30 pm, all are welcome to join us for a discussion of the book, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*, by Isabel Wilkerson.



In this brand new book, Isabel Wilkerson—author of *The Warmth of Other Suns* (2011)—offers a masterful portrait of an unseen phenomenon in the United States as she explores, through an immersive, deeply researched narrative and stories about real people, how our country today and throughout its history has been shaped by a hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human rankings. Beautifully written and deeply revealing, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* is an essential story of people and history and a reexamination of what lies just underneath the surface of ordinary lives in the United States today.

We will meet via Zoom, so you can join us by phone or online. To express your interest in participating and to receive Zoom login information, please contact **Pastor Nathan** at [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x101.

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THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH  
SEPTEMBER 14, 6:30-8 PM, ON ZOOM

We invite YOU to join us on Monday, September 14, from 6:30-8 PM on Zoom. 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 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. His problems with the Catholic church were very hurtful to him and caused him much suffering. It is a fascinating book to read*

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.*

Online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81259288501>

By phone: 1-888-788-0099, Meeting ID: 812 5928 8501 (no password required)

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.



**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**  
THURSDAYS, 6:30 PM, ON ZOOM

Beginning on September 24, we will be starting another study. In seven sessions, **Seamless** by Angie Smith covers the people, places, and promises of the Bible. Tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. Whether you've grown up hearing Bible stories or you're exploring Scripture for the first time, the full story of the Bible can be overwhelming.

The books can be purchased through Amazon for about \$13 dollars.

Join us, learn more, and share your knowledge,

**Online** at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85619179718pwd=NUIFR3dUc0lKdkM2OVlWbHcwblpCdz09>

**By phone:** 1-888-788-0099

**Meeting ID** 856 1917 9718

**Password** 600537

For more information, please contact Mary Lynn Swartz at **440-409-5931** or [marylynn482@gmail.com](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com).

COMMISSION ON THE  
STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN

As we struggle with a pandemic, we share such a situation with Susanna Wesley. While her husband was often out of town, she read from his sermons to her servants and kept her children in her own school - at home, When Samuel was stricken with illness she nursed him and the children.

After Samuel died, John and Charles made their first trip to the "colonies" where they were struck with slavery! They disapproved! The brothers returned to England and preached at every chance they got.

Susanna lived in several of her children's homes. Her life was marked by sadness yet her faith remained strong. "You must not think to live like the rest of the world." Brave words in the midst of a pandemic!

*Jo Swanson*

TEACHING & LEARNING TOGETHER



Well ingrained in our Wesleyan heritage is the practice of coming together in small groups for fellowship, discipleship, and mission. As we weather this storm of a pandemic, and look towards a brighter future, we encourage you to consider this kind of small group community.

On the next page, you will find types of "House Churches" that we'd like to help you organize. The idea would be for you to safely begin meeting either online or outdoors, while weather permits. As we ease out of physically distancing ourselves from each other, the hope would be that these strengthened community groups will stay together.

How are house churches different from small groups or topical classes? In some ways, there's much similarity. However, we are recognizing our need to be together in different ways during this season. While we won't be able to gather as a whole congregation for some time, we are still, the church together and apart. We can be together in small groups and still be and experience the Church, or experience belonging to the Beloved Community.

Your house church will have a culture and rhythm of your group's creating. Perhaps you'll gather online once a month, and in-person once a month. Or perhaps you'd like to talk weekly. For now, we'll help organize a few households together based on their desired focus for their house church. Complete the form **on the next page** or **online** at <http://www.umcb.org/adult-formation-interest-form/> and we'll help get you connected to a house church.



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**“Coffee Fellowship”** - This type of group comes together to check-in and care for each other. To hear each other’s prayer concerns and joys and perhaps discuss the Scriptures or message from the week’s worship.

**“Nature Appreciation”** - We have many in our congregation who enjoy walking in the park, observing nature, and reflecting on God’s beauty in creation. This group may choose to walk together and/or find a book study specific to nature, ecology, or environmental care.

**“Book Discussion and Series”** - This group may choose to read and discuss a book together or use video content from our subscription to Amplify Media (this is like Netflix for UM churches). We already have two of these groups meeting - one on Sunday morning at 10 am, and a Women’s Bible Study. We’d love to see more communities like this come to fruition.

**“Disciple Fast Track”** - For those desiring to really dig into the heart of Scripture, consider joining a small group of friends to study a vast majority of the Bible over the next year. This 24-week session may be divided up over the year. Videos will also be available on Amplify Media.

**“FaithLink”** - Our long-term small group welcomes new friends to join in the conversation around faith and current events.

*\*\*\*Please note that any house church that chooses to gather in person should follow all health guidelines provided by the CDC, including face coverings when indoors or when distancing of 6-feet is not possible. Please meet online, by phone, or outdoors until we reach a level 1 or 2 emergency level.\*\*\**



### HOUSE CHURCH INTEREST FORM

*See previous page for more information.*

Family Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Participating Individuals (*adults & children*): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

	I/We would like to participate in:	I/We would be willing to help facilitate:	I/We already participate in:
Coffee Fellowship			
Nature Appreciation			
Book Discussion and Series			
Disciple Fast Track			
FaithLink			

What do you most desire to get out of this experience? \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

SEPTEMBER 2020 UPDATE REGARDING MINISTRY AND BUILDING USE  
DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

**WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

*Morning Prayer* - Mondays through Fridays, 9 AM via Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/518014483>)

*Evening Prayer* - Wednesdays at 7 PM on the north lot (weather permitting)

*Sundays* - 9 AM in Wesley Hall (beginning September 6; see page 9 for more information)

11 AM online via Facebook Live ([www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos](http://www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos))

and by phone via Zoom (dial 1-888-788-0099, and enter meeting id 961 8451 9312).

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES**

Christian formation opportunities are available for persons of all ages and at all stages of the discipleship journey. (See pages 1-4 in this edition of *The Caller* or contact Pastor Carrie ([cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x105 for more information on getting connected.)

**STAFF AND OFFICE HOURS**

To protect you and our staff from COVID-19 exposure, staff members will continue to work remotely as much as possible. Please conduct business with the staff by email or phone whenever possible. If your business requires an in-person visit to the church building, please call ahead to ensure that someone will be available to assist you.

**PASTORAL CARE AND PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please contact Pastor Nathan ([nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x101) if you would like to schedule an individual time to talk or if you have a specific prayer request. You can also submit prayer requests on our website at [www.umcb.org/sermons](http://www.umcb.org/sermons).

**ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO GIVE**

Some of us may be experiencing financial hardship or uncertainty during this season of pandemic, but our generosity through the life of the church remains crucial to ensuring that we can continue our commitments to mission and ministry. If you already give financially online ([www.umcb.org/donate](http://www.umcb.org/donate)) or by mailing a check to the church office, thank you! If you do not do so already, please consider giving through one of these methods now. Financial generosity remains an essential practice in making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**STAY CONNECTED—WE ARE NOT ALONE**

Updates and resources will continue to be posted on our website ([www.umcb.org](http://www.umcb.org)) and shared through monthly newsletters and weekly e-newsletters. Please review this information and share it through direct phone calls to other members of our congregation to ensure that we all remain connected even while we are physically apart.

Please continue praying for those who are suffering, for those who are fearful, and for those who have been impacted by all the recent changes. Pray for those who are working to provide good information and public healthcare and for government officials seeking to lead responsibly. And pray for those who are especially vulnerable during this time: medically, financially, emotionally, and spiritually.

This season of change and disruption has been unsettling in so many ways. But please know how deeply grateful I remain for each of you and for our life together as an expression of beloved community. Thank you for all that you do and for being the beloved child of God that you are.

Peace,  
Pastor Nathan

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, September 6, 2020</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Exodus 12.1-14</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Psalm 149 or Psalm 148 (UMH 861)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Romans 13.8-14</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Matthew 18.15-20</i></p>	<p><b><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></b> How do you reconcile a God who would “strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals” (Exodus 12.12) with a God who demonstrates self-sacrificial love elsewhere?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, September 13, 2020</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Exodus 14.19-31</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Exodus 15.1b-11, 20-21 (UMH 135)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Romans 14.1-12</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Matthew 18.21-35</i></p>	<p><b><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></b> Forgiveness is a hard thing—both to offer and to receive. When has someone forgiven you? How did you respond? When have you offered forgiveness to someone else? How did they respond? Is there someone you need to forgive or ask forgiveness from right now?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, September 20, 2020</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Exodus 16.2-15</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Psalm 105.1-6, 37-45 or Psalm 78 (UMH 799)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Philippians 1.21-30</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Matthew 20.1-16</i></p>	<p><b><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></b> In Matthew 20.1-16, what is the landowner’s motivation for paying the workers the same wages? What has God provided for you? Is it only what you have earned? How does God’s generosity inspire you to respond?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, September 27, 2020</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Exodus 17.1-7</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Psalm 78.1-4, 12-16 (UMH 799)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Philippians 2.1-13</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Matthew 21.23-32</i></p>	<p><b><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></b> What does it mean to do the will of God? Has God ever shown up in the middle of your complaining? When have you been wandering in a “wilderness of sin”? How have you experienced God’s presence and eventual deliverance out of a period of wilderness wandering?</p>

***Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, September 6):***

O God of this and every morning,  
as I begin this day, call my name;  
as I step into this day, guide my feet;  
as I live this day, care for those I love;  
as I learn this day, teach me your ways.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.

***Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, September 6):***

God of stars and planets,  
the setting sun ends this day for us  
as it rises on a new day for others.  
For us and for them, be light in every darkness.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.

***Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, September 13):***

Gracious and loving God,  
thank you for this day.  
Strengthen my resolve  
to love and show mercy throughout the day.  
Lead my feet to your holy dwelling place,  
and guide the work I have to do for today.  
In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

***Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, September 13):***

Merciful God, thank you for keeping me  
in the safety of your arms  
and for new mercies  
and the glory you showed through the day.  
Keep my family and me through the night.  
I thank and praise you,  
in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, September 20):***

Dear God, thank you for this day.  
Help me hear others  
as I know that you always hear me.  
Open my heart and help me  
give myself with grateful praise  
to things you have set for me today.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.

***Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, September 20):***

Dear God,  
thank you for being always with me.  
Let me rest in you, O God,  
so that I will wake in the morning  
with praise and thanksgiving on my lips.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.

***Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, September 27):***

Dear God, thank you for this day.  
Guide my mind in your way  
and help me to do your will.  
All praise, honor, and glory is yours. Amen.

***Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, September 27):***

Dear God,  
thank you for providing for my needs.  
Thank you for always being with me.  
Keep me through the night  
and put a song of praise on my lips  
when I rise again.  
In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.



CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS

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

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)

WE REACH OUT IN

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND LOVE...

... to Pastor Carrie Antczak & Family on the passing of her brother, Tom, who went on to rest in God's eternal peace on July 30, 2020.

... to the family of Lou Russell, whose son, Lou Jr. went on to rest in God's eternal peace last week.

... the extended McMillin family. Relatives of Christine & Andy McMillan's son-in-law, Chet, lost a 3-year-old child in a drowning accident. They request prayers for the parents of the child, Chet, and his entire family.

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)

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Annette (friend of Phil Gehring)  
 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)  
 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](mailto:info@umcb.org).

If you know of someone needing care or a visit, please contact the **Church Office** ([info@umcb.org](mailto:info@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x100) or **Pastor Nathan** ([nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x101).





IN-PERSON INDOOR WORSHIP  
RESUMING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 9AM, WESLEY HALL

CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING

While Cuyahoga County's Public Health Emergency Risk Level remains at Level 2 or lower, we will plan to resume limited-capacity in-person Sunday morning worship services at 9 AM in Wesley Hall, beginning September 6. If you are ill, experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19, or recently have been in contact with someone experiencing symptoms, please stay at home and join us for our online worship service at 11 AM. Face coverings will be required at all times while you are in the building, and we will maintain safe physical distancing (minimum of six feet) from members of other households.

Worship attendance will be limited to forty persons, and you must register in advance if you plan to attend. Registration for each Sunday's worship service will be open from noon on Tuesday to noon on Friday. You can register online ([www.umcb.org](http://www.umcb.org)) or by calling the church office and leaving a message (440-234-3525 x100).



Confirmation  
NEWS

CONFIRMATION  
FORMATION AND  
WORSHIP SERVICE

Last year's confirmands are ready to take their leap of faith and complete their confirmation journey!

Please pray for them this month as they begin their formation activities again, and as they prepare for Confirmation during our 11 AM online worship service on October 18 at [www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos](http://www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos).



MESSY  
CHURCH  
IS BACK!

SEPTEMBER 20  
6 PM, ON ZOOM

Messy Church IS BACK! From the comfort of your own home! We'll get messy and play! We'll learn about the Peace of God! And we'll have a snack together!

Register on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/umcberea](http://www.facebook.com/umcberea)) or by emailing Pastor Carrie at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) for the Zoom link.



COMING  
SOON!

UMW GOURMET  
POPCORN SALE!

To help fund our missions, UMW will be selling gourmet popcorn (popped by Grand Pacific Popcorn Company). Perfect for snacking, Care Packages, and fall activities... flavors and prices will be listed in the Weekly Newsletter, church website and Facebook page.



EAST OHIO ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE 2020

SEPTEMBER 26-27 VIA LIVESTREAM

LIVESTREAMED WORSHIP SERVICE,  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 10AM

This year's session of the East Ohio Annual Conference was rescheduled from June at Lakeside, Ohio to September 26-27 via livestream from Church of the Saviour UMC in Cleveland Heights. Included in this year's session of the annual conference will be a livestreamed worship service on Sunday, September 27 at 10AM. This worship service will be provided as our primary worship gathering on that day, and we will share more details for connecting with it closer to that date.

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## VIRTUAL 5K/1 MILE

We are kicking off a year of running the race in faith, with an actual run! (...Or walk, or crawl, or roll, however you move!) Join us for a virtual race September 13-20. All you need to do is register and then pick a day to complete your steps. You may want to use a pedometer or car to map out your distance. Once you're good and sweaty, take a smiling picture of you doing what you can do, to help out Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland. You can make your donation of \$10/person or \$25/family online or by mailing a check. We'll celebrate our journey together on Sunday, September 20.

Register at

<http://www.umcb.org/resources-for-connecting-supporting-our-community/>

or by calling Pastor Carrie.

## 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 physical 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](http://www.umcb.org/donate). Please note "food pantry" on the description line.

Thank you for your generous participation.



## OUR POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY - PREPARE TO VOTE

In our United Methodist Social Principles, we state in part that "the form and the leaders of all governments should be determined by exercise of the right to vote guaranteed to all adult citizens" and that "the strength of a political system depends upon the full and willing participation of its citizens" (*The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church—2016*. Copyright 2016 by The United Methodist Publishing House. Used by permission.)

This year, with ongoing concerns about the spread of COVID-19 and an expectation that more individuals will be voting by mail, if you choose to do so, you are encouraged to request your mail-in ballot as soon as possible.

For Cuyahoga County residents, you can do so by visiting <https://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/>

## NEW:

## HOSPICE OF THE WESTERN RESERVE VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Are you looking for a way to help individuals in your community? Are you willing to engage with homebound patients and families by phone or by mail? Consider becoming a Hospice of the Western Reserve Volunteer. We are excited to announce virtual volunteer training for new volunteers. We also look forward to the day that in-person visits can resume safely. Volunteers who complete virtual training will be able to provide in-person visits when it is deemed safe.

For more information, contact us at **216-255-9090** or fill out an online application [hospicewr.org/volunteers](http://hospicewr.org/volunteers).



PENPALS FOR ARISTOCRAT BEREA

ENGAGEMENT, COMPASSION, & JUSTICE

My name is Quinn. Short but mighty, driven and thoughtful are all words I've heard used to describe me. Most importantly, I am willing to learn.

My shared morals, instilled by community and family leaders of the past, have led me to my role as Activities Assistant at Aristocrat Berea. AB is licensed as an LTC and Rehab Center; Mental health is not excluded, some folks would pass on without equitable treatment. My main role is to provide socio-emotional support and decrease harmful behaviors through recreational games such as Bingo, journaling, arts and crafts or cooking classes. Ultimately, this is part of my work on Earth; I've found my niche career topic.

We're are looking for a strong core group of up to twelve folks initially, to kickstart our pen pal program. If you are fluent in Spanish, Russian or German, your help would be immensely beneficial (write language on outside of the envelope). All twelve participants will write a starter letter addressed anonymously; matches will be picked at random by residents, read privately and a written response will make it back to you shortly. An element of suspense and something to look forward to; a light of hope. It breaks my heart to tell you that a handful haven't had visitors in over three years. Reportedly, it's the simple love of a neighbor they miss.

For the children and young adults that want to get involved, I have one suggestion: Your new friend would love to answer a "Would you Rather" question. Like, would you rather have a brand new kitty or puppy? Music is also very important. Maybe you could talk about what makes your favorite song so special?

If you want to give back to Berea or have questions, please contact me at [mx.quinnrei@gmail.com](mailto:mx.quinnrei@gmail.com) or 857-333-6259.

Thanks and God Bless.  
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SHARING GOD'S LOVE

Thank you for all who shared breakfast bars and water with us to welcome B.W. students back to campus!

It was great to meet new friends and share first-day snacks with our neighbors!

I wanted to thank people in the congregation for their notes and prayers. They meant a lot and helped us through a very difficult time. I was given some blood thinner and found out I was allergic. I lost two units of blood that went into a hematoma. I spent six days in the hospital then six weeks of therapy and I wish to thank you all for your support.

Blessings,  
Bruce and Carol Forster

Thank you your for continued prayers as I journey toward health. The UMCB has given so much to me - prayers, visits, gifts, and phone calls, plus Communion, grocery shopping, and more. Special thanks to Pastor Nathan, Marlynda Dziak, Ron Corey, Linda Tucker, Linda McCowen, and the UMW. I am blessed. Stay well, all of you.

Carol Heskett

Thank you all for the many, many warm condolences that you've poured on our family at the loss of my brother. Your kindness, prayers, and support mean so much to us. We are so grateful to have a church family that cares so deeply. Your love is felt and so appreciated.

Pastor Carrie

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