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CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

The spirit of World Communion Sunday is to come together in Christian unity around the breaking bread and sharing the cup. When we come to the table of Holy Communion, hungry for justice and mercy, we are all equally valued by God who has liberated us. We recognize our unity and shared commitment to building God's kingdom on earth. We live out our faith with life-affirming practices, recognizing the needs of our neighbors and investing in thriving, wholesome, healthy and long lives. We support measures that lead to peace, not just as an absence of tension, but as contributors to abundant, remarkable life.

When we present our special offering today, we recognize that our hopes and dreams are interconnected with those of our siblings in faith. Through training opportunities and scholarships, we invest in the God-given strengths of United Methodist students around the globe. We realize that as students pursue their dreams as leaders in different parts of the world through teaching, medicine, theology or human rights, the impact of our connection is limitless.

When you give on World Communion Sunday, you equip talented, qualified students from around the globe to become the world changers God created them to be. Please consider give generously on Sunday, October 4.

Visit umcgiving.org/ministry-articles/world-communion-Sunday for more information.

Prayer for Communion Sunday

As we celebrate World Communion Sunday, we rejoice in the ways that your church is connected through your son, Jesus Christ. Bless our special offering so that the gifts we present will be multiplied and shared with faithful students around the world. As we praise you today, let the words of our mouth and the meditation of our heart be acceptable to you.

Amen.

(Adapted from https://s3.amazonaws.com/Website_UMCGiving/resource-files/2020_WCS_Liturgy_w_links.pdf)



THE CALLER



BLESSING OF THE PETS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 5:00 PM SEMINARY STREET LAWN

On Sunday, October 4 at 5:00PM, all are welcome to bring their pets and join us in the lawn on Seminary Street as we give thanks to God for our animal companions and ask God's blessing on them and us. Please wear face coverings and have larger animals on a leash and smaller animals in a carrier.

If you are uncomfortable joining us in person, please participate in an online "pet parade" by emailing a picture of yourself and your pet to **Pastor Nathan** (nhowe@umcb.org) by the end of the day on **Thursday, October 1**. Pictures will be shared on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/umcberea).

For more information, please contact **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x100**.

BLESSING OF THE BIBLES OCTOBER 11, 11:00AM FACEBOOK LIVE WORSHIP SERVICE

Normally in October, we present (gift) 3rd graders with their own Bible as a part of our worship service. Knowing that faith formation is happening at home now more than ever, we have extended an invitation to students of ALL ages to receive a Bible and participate in Bible skills formation. Instead of a Sunday School class or unit, we are inviting these students to participate in a workshop unit on how to use their own Bible and delivering the Bibles to their home.



Join us for a blessing of these Bibles and the students receiving them during the 11:00AM Facebook Live worship service on October 11.

CONFIRMATION FORMATION AND WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:00AM IN-PERSON & 11:00AM FACEBOOK LIVE WORSHIP SERVICES

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 9:00AM in-person worship service and 11:00AM online worship service on October 18 at www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos.

(See page 3 for information about connecting to the service by phone.)



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FALL HIKE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

4:30PM, ROCKY RIVER NATURE CENTER

Enjoy the beauty of God's creation, outside and in one another! All are welcome to join us for a fall hike on the trails near the Rocky River Nature Center on Sunday, October 11. We will gather in our parking lot at 4:30PM and then carpool to the Nature Center to begin our walk (weather permitting).

If you plan to join us, please wear a face covering even though we will be outside.

Please RSVP by the end of the day on **Thursday, October 8** to **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x100.



MESSY CHURCH @HOME

OCTOBER 18

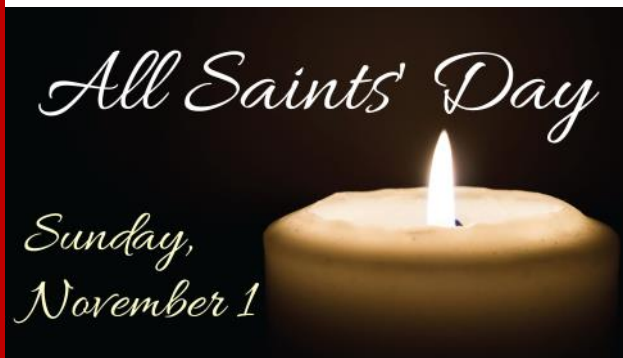
6:00PM, ON ZOOM

Join us on Zoom for another Messy Church @home, October 18 at 6:00PM. October can be spooky, but not when God is always with you! Join us as we talk about fear and courage!

Fun crafts with supplies at home, worship, and snack time will bring us all together as we learn that God helps us conquer our fears.

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

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ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

The Festival of All Saints is celebrated by the church on November 1. It is an annual opportunity for us to give thanks for the community of faith and to re-affirm our faith that the church consists not only in all those followers of Jesus who are living but also all those who have gone before us and all those who are yet to come.

On All Saints Sunday this year, we will celebrate the gift of this communion of saints during both morning worship services (9:00AM in person; 11:00AM online), reading the names of persons connected to this congregation who have died in the past twelve months and lighting a candle for each one as we give thanks for the eternal light of Christ that continues to shine in their lives and in ours.



STAYING CONNECTED

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Morning Prayer

Mondays through Fridays at 9:00 AM
via Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/518014483>)

Evening Prayer

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM
on the North Lot (weather permitting)

In-person Sunday Morning Worship

Sundays at 9:00 AM
in Wesley Hall

*Attendance is limited to 40 worshippers.
Advanced registration required:
Tuesday at Noon through Friday at Noon
online at www.umcb.org/worship-registration
or by calling 440-234-3525.*

Live Streamed Sunday Morning Worship

Sundays at 11:00 AM
via Facebook Live
www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos

By phone via Zoom
dial 1-888-788-0099
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.

*For more information on getting connected,
see pages 5-6 in this Caller or contact
Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org
or 440-234-3525 x105.*

PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER REQUESTS

Please contact Pastor Nathan (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.

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) 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.

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.



CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS

Bruce Akins	Michelle Lawrence
Betty Atherton	Joyce McGee
Barbara Beihl	Betty Miller
Heidi Blue	Judy Mollison
Carol Bodle	Rev. Cal Myers
Jean Brenneison	Donna O'Brien
Barb Dawson	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 Irej	Gloria Wharton
Larry Jelinek	

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)

WE REACH OUT IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND LOVE

... to the family of Eugene (Gene) Jeffery.
 Gene went on to rest in God's eternal peace on
 July 12, 2020.

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)
 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)

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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).

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, October 4, 2020</p> <p>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>World Communion Sunday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Psalms 19 (UMH 750)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Philippians 3.4b-14</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Matthew 21.33-46</i></p>	<p><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></p> <p>What has been holding you captive?</p> <p>What would you lose if you claimed a pattern of real sabbath rest?</p> <p>What could you gain?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, October 11, 2020</p> <p>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Exodus 31.1-14</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Psalms 106.1-6, 19-23(UMH 829)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Philippians 4.1-9</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Matthew 22.1-14</i></p>	<p><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></p> <p>Where has your trust in God wavered or broken down?</p> <p>What would it take for that trust to be restored?</p> <p>When have you experienced the peace of God, which passes all our understanding?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, October 18, 2020</p> <p>Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Exodus 33.12-23</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Psalms 99 (UMH 819)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>1 Thessalonians 1.1-10</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Matthew 22.15-22</i></p>	<p><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></p> <p>What does it mean to be an “imitator of Christ”?</p> <p>Who has influenced your life by the way they imitated Christ, and how?</p> <p>What needs to happen with you to help you become an imitator of Christ?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, October 25, 2020</p> <p>Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Deuteronomy 34.1-12</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Psalms 90.1-6, 13-17 (UMH 789)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>1 Thessalonians 2.1-8</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Matthew 22.34-46</i></p>	<p><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></p> <p>Where has God seemed to lead you to the edge of your “promised land” and then appeared to be holding you back from entering?</p> <p>What could this be saying about God?</p> <p>What effect could this have on your faith?</p>

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, October 4):

Faithful God,
you remain when others forsake.
When I am tempted to abandon myself today,
help me to stay present to this moment,
that I may know and do your will.
Through the Creator who enfolds me,
Christ who defends me,
and the Spirit who never abandons me. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, October 4):

Mothering God,
bring me back from today's distractions
to the stillness of your presence,
that I may rest in your enfolding arms.
Amen.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, October 11):

Holy God, you are light,
and in you there is no darkness at all.
Shift my focus today
from whatever is false to that which is true;
from whatever is corrupt to that which is just;
from whatever is inauthentic to that which is pure;
that I may live in your light.
Through Christ Jesus, I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, October 11):

God, your love is steadfast and enduring.
May your peace,
which surpasses all understanding,
hem me in, behind and before,
as I lie down to rest. Amen.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, October 18):

Help me to listen quietly, Lord,
as the morning sounds of creation draw me to you.
Sometimes it is difficult
to fully receive your pleasure in me,
to grasp that you are fond of me,
even when I have nothing to show for myself.
May I remember that I am yours today. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, October 18):

I end this day with gratitude, God,
holding close to my heart
those whose faith helped carry me
through this day. Amen.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, October 25):

From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.
Carry me today in your steadfast love
that I may rejoice and be glad all my days,
living life fully without fear of the end.
Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, October 25):

Eternal God,
a thousand years in your sight
are like this day gone by,
years swept away like a dream.
May I rest in the assurance
that even in the sleep of death,
I will be awakened to an eternal morning,
through the power of Christ,
the resurrection. Let it be. Amen.



YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAYS AT NOON

Youth are continuing to meet on Zoom - students in 7th-12th grade are welcome to join them, even if they don't live nearby.

Please let your extended family know and give them Pastor Carrie's contact information.

Online at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87382928705>.

Questions?

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

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

We're off to a great start with faith formation for our younger disciples. We would love to have you help share Bible stories with our kids! Email Pastor Carrie on how to pre-record a Bible story to be used in Sunday School.

Families with children need to join the Facebook Group found here to access family-led Sunday School:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/umcbsundayschool/>.

If you haven't already done so, 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/>.

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



YOUTH GROUP
OCTOBER 25
5:00PM - 6:30PM
THE UMCB YARD



Join us October 25 at 5:00PM in the church yard for pumpkin fun! We'll play with knives and explode pumpkins. This is the **ONLY** time we'll ask you to bring carving tools to church. Pumpkins provided!

As this is being printed, students are voting on a community service project for October. They will be joining youth from all over the East Ohio Conference UMC in completing projects that make a positive impact on their community. See what we, and other churches are doing, by searching #projectimpact in your social media platforms (like Facebook).

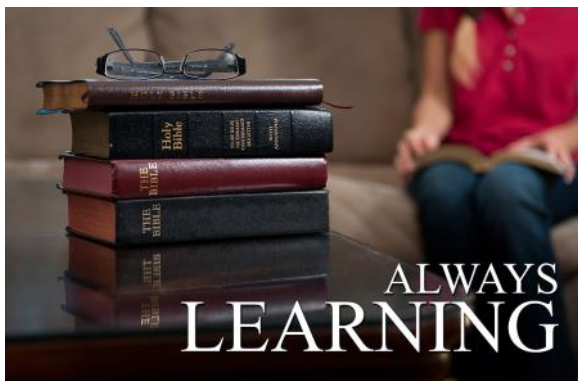
Questions? Please contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.



House Churches

Your house neighbors are waiting! We would love to add more friends to our house churches. These small groups are meeting remotely or outdoors (while weather permits) for faith formation, fellowship, and prayer. Please be sure to fill out the registration form ([link here](#)) letting us know our interests.

For more information, complete the interest form **online** at <http://www.umcb.org/adult-formation-interest-form/> or contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.



YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

A young adult small group is beginning to form! They hope to meet online for Bible Study and later for fellowship and service projects. If you know a younger adult who might be interested, please invite them and share Pastor Carrie's contact information. This will be a mix of college students and young professionals.

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



THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
OCTOBER 12, 6:30PM - 8 PM, ON ZOOM

We invite YOU to join us on Monday, October 12, from 6:30PM-8:00PM (On Zoom until the church is open for meetings.) Each month's discussion is led by a different member of the group.

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.

NOVEMBER 9

The Warmth of Other Suns

by Isabel Wilkerson

A sweeping ethnography of the Great Migration - the mass exodus of African Americans from the South to Northern and Western US cities dating from approximately 1914-1970. The story attempts to trace the history of racism in the Jim Crow South as well as the reasons, successes, and failures of those African-Americans who left the place of their birth in order to seek better economic and social opportunities.

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

By phone: 1-888-788-0099

Meeting ID: 812 5928 8501 (no password)

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.



LEARNING

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN

Susan B. Anthony has finally received pardon for voting in 1872 election. This champion of women's rights had the nerve to vote for a representative in Rochester N.Y. \$100 - (which she would not pay!) Just a few weeks ago that charge was vacated. Some times justice takes a long time!

Jo Swanson



TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 31, 2:00PM - 4:00PM

(PLEASE PARK CARS 1:00PM - 1:45PM)

THE UMCB PARKING LOT

Join us for a fun Halloween afternoon of trunk or treating! We need YOU to come and park your decorated trunk with treats for kids in our community. Safety measures will include masks, sanitizer stations, and cars every other spot. We encourage you to bring a chair and sit in the open spot, while you greet kids who will help themselves to candy from your trunk. Treats should be spaced out for easy grabbing and less rummaging. Our kids have been through a lot this year, so we're excited to show them a good time and a little bit of normal seasonal cheer!



Extra treats will be collected on Wednesday evenings in October.

RSVP a spot with Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

WEDNESDAYS, 5:00PM - 8:00PM

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. Please note "food pantry" on the description line.

Thank you for your generous participation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, COMPASSION, & JUSTICE



OCTOBER IS CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 IS CLERGY APPRECIATION SUNDAY.



Over the last few months our Clergy, Pastor Nathan and Pastor Carrie, have stepped forward in previously uncharted territory to continue our life in Christ together.

We are especially blessed to have them, and a good way to honor them would be by sending them cards and letters expressing our appreciation for their hard and innovative work. It would be nice to have our congregation do this before October 11, but all of October is Clergy Appreciation month so we are not limited by any time constraints during this time of self discipline.

Tom Marek, Chair of SPRC

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

For many years, our church has participated in helping to provide and serve a community meal at St. Paul's, at least once a year. We're grateful to have been able to do this again, despite the challenges of the pandemic. While we did not get to serve the meal, we still provided the meal thanks to your generosity.

To our Church Family,

Thank you for all of the prayers, cards, and support to both Dorene & myself during my recent bout with pneumonia. Please know they were a comfort and blessing to both of us.

Ronald Larkey

I invite you to continue praying for those cooking and receiving a warm meals via the community meals. May our community know that the Spirit continues to lift them up in these challenge times, and that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Thank you for your continued generosity during this uncertain season. As a congregation, we have donated \$9010 to support our local food pantries and \$5640 through UMCOR to support disaster relief in the U.S. related to hurricanes and wildfires. God is making a difference in the world through your generosity!

Pastor Carrie



CHRISTMAS ON THE PORCH
OCTOBER 24, 10:00AM - 3:00PM
THE UMCB FRONT PORCH (FACING SEMINARY STREET)

UMW is celebrating "Christmas on the Porch" on Saturday, October 24 from 10:00AM-3:00PM. We're "trimming down" our Craft Show. UMW will be selling Christmas goodies (ornaments, gift boxes, and "Methodist Mix" popcorn) to raise money to support our missions.

Please join us on the front porch (social distancing will be observed and face masks are required) ... let's gather for some fun and fellowship to help our mission projects.

Women, children and youth will benefit from your kindness. As always, we appreciate your encouragement and support.



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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:

