

#### The United Methodist Church of Berea

THE CALLER
February 2021

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#### ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 17

The season of Lent—forty days of preparing for Easter—begins on Ash Wednesday, this year on February 17. Join us in worship online (<a href="www.facebook.com/umcberea/live">www.facebook.com/umcberea/live</a>) at 7 PM for a worship service including the imposition of ashes and sharing Holy Communion. Please watch upcoming bulletins and weekly emailed newsletters for more information as we get closer to the day.

Joel 2.1-2, 12-17
Psalm 51.1-17 (UMH 785)
2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10
Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21

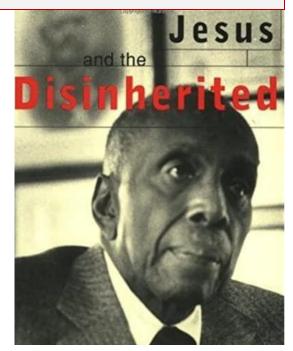
**For Reflection and Conversation:** In today's Gospel reading from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches the disciples to participate in acts of piety in secret. In an earlier part of the same section, Jesus instructs the disciples to let their light shine before others so that their good works would be seen (cf. Matthew 5.16). How do you manage this paradox in your life?

# BOOK DISCUSSION: JESUS AND THE DISINHERITED BY HOWARD THURMAN

Monday, March 1, 6:30 pm, via Zoom

Howard Thurman's theology and ministry has played a leading role in social justice movements and organizations throughout the 20th and 21st centuries. He was one of the principal architects of the modern nonviolent civil rights movement and a key mentor to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who reportedly carried with him a copy of *Jesus and the Disinherited* throughout the Montgomery bus boycott.

As our world and our churches continue to struggle with issues related to poverty, white supremacy, anger, and distrust, all are welcome to read and join together for a discussion of this important and influential book. Books can be borrowed from most public library systems or purchased through most online sellers.



If you need help finding a copy—and to express your interest in participating in the discussion on March 1 and to receive Zoom login information—please contact **Pastor Nathan** at <a href="mailto:nhowe@umcb.org">nhowe@umcb.org</a> or 440-234-3525 x101.



#### STAYING CONNECTED

#### **Worship Opportunities**

#### **Live Streamed Sunday Worship**

Sundays at 11:00 AM via Facebook Live

#### www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos

By phone : dial 1-888-788-0099 meeting id 961 8451 9312

In-person Sunday Morning Worship, Sundays at 9:00 AM in Wesley Hall, will be temporarily suspended based on the advisories of the Ohio and Cuyahoga County Boards of Health.

Please contact **Pastor Nathan** at <a href="mailto:nhowe@umcb.org">nhowe@umcb.org</a> or **440-234-3525** x**101** with any questions.

#### **Morning Prayer**

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

#### **Evening Prayer via Zoom**

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM Meeting id: 848 4741 1964 Passcode: 195510

#### Virtual Fellowship Hour via Zoom

Sundays immediately following the 11:00 AM worship service.

To connect on Zoom, Enter meeting id 878 1505 0844 and passcode 775348.

By phone: dial 1-888-788-0099 and enter the meeting id and passcode above.

#### **Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests**

Please contact **Pastor Nathan** at **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**.

## 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 7-8 in this Caller or contact Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.

#### **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 (<a href="www.umcb.org/donate">www.umcb.org/donate</a>) 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.

# GATHER

#### THE CALLER

#### CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER CONCERNS

#### **MEMBERS**

Bruce Akins Molly Arthur

**Betty Atherton** 

Barbara Beihl

Heidi Blue

Carol Bodle

Jean Brenneison

Cleda Fletcher

Molly Force

Carol Heskett

Jack Irey

Larry Jelinek

Michelle Lawrence

**Joyce McGee** 

**Betty Miller** 

Rev. Cal Myers

Donna O'Brien

Esther O'Hearn

**Donald Powers** 

Lou Russell

**Russ Sanderson** 

**Carol Thompson** 

Kathleen Wargelin

Gloria Wharton

#### **MEMBERS AT HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**

Shirley Bedford (Independence Village) Ann Benson (Western Reserve-Medina)

**Janice Kavander** 

Mary Lou McKissock (Kemper House, Strongsville)

Pat Sarka (Wesleyan Village, Elyria)

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 Thomson Family. Doug Thomson went on to God's eternal peace on January 9, 2021. A Memorial Service was held on January 23, 2021.

#### **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)

AmyMarie Dziak (daughter of Marlynda Dziak)

Spencer Gehring

Sylvie Isgro-Schicker

Thomas O. Miller (requested by Jane Miller)

Paul McMillin (son of Andrew & Christine

McMillin)

Joan Mraz (friend of Nancy Schillace)

Jeremy Piper

Chet Talarczyk (husband of Judy Talarczyk)

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** (<u>info@umcb.org</u> or **440-234-3525 x100**) or **Pastor Nathan** (<u>nhowe@umcb.org</u> or **440-234-3525 x101**).



#### 2020 Ministry Report

The past year has been far from "normal." In our life together as a congregation, we have had to live in a lot of changes: worshiping, studying, and meeting online; re-scheduling or re-imagining planned mission trips; rediscovering different ways of staying connected with those whom we love. But at least one thing has remained absolutely solid and unchanged: our mission as a congregation **to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation for the world**. The means to living this mission may have changed from what we had anticipated, but the mission remained and still remains the same. And through God's grace and your generosity and participation in 2020, we have made a real difference in our life together and in the lives of our neighbors!

Here is just a small sample of the fruit of our ministry together in 2020. Together, we:

- ❖ welcomed **5 individuals** into the life of our congregation through professing membership;
- ❖ worshiped together with an average of **222 households** online each week since beginning online worship in March;
- sent a team of youth and adults to learn and serve at Nehemiah Mission on the near-westside of Cleveland;
- began multiple new fellowship and study groups on Zoom and outside, including weekday morning prayer, Wednesday morning "parking lot" fellowship, and Wednesday Evening Prayer on the north lot and then on Zoom; and
- ❖ in addition to meeting our congregation's operating expenses in full, we also participated together in the larger body of Christ by **giving more than \$97,000 in 2020** to support transformative ministry both locally and globally, including:
  - 0 \$70,744 to support 100% of our United Methodist Shared Ministry goal for the fourth year in a row;
  - \$3,995 on "special giving" Sundays, including Human Relations Day, UMCOR Sunday, Native American Ministries Sunday, Peace with Justice Sunday, World Communion Sunday, and United Methodist Student Day;
  - \$5,265 to support other UMC-related missions, including disaster relief through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR);
  - \$898 from our virtual 5K/1 mile race in September to support our ministry partnership with Nehemiah Mission:
  - \$2,383 through our Christmas Magi Tree to support our ministry partnerships with Grindstone Elementary School PTA, OhioGuidestone, and Nehemiah Mission;
  - \$1,000 to support our global ministry partnership through the General Board of Global Ministries in Cambodia;
  - \$13,217 in financial donations plus 40 carloads of nonperishable food items to provide food for our neighbors through our local food pantries.

God has been doing great things in, among, and through us in 2020, even in the midst of much uncertainty. Now, as we continue to hold fast to our mission in 2021, please remember our commitments to growing as disciples through our **five essential practices**:

**Worship**, growing a life of gratitude by praying 5 times each day and "getting an A" in worship attendance (90%), worshiping with the community of faith at least 47 Sundays during the year;

**Study**, growing a life of learning by reading scripture 5 days each week and participating in short-term classes, Bible studies, and small groups through the community of faith;

**Serve**, growing a life of justice and kindness by practicing 5 intentional acts of kindness each week and participating in at least 1 service project through the community of faith each quarter;

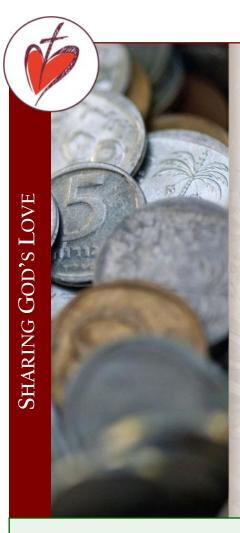
**Give**, growing a life of generosity by pursuing 5 acts of radical generosity each month and growing into a tithe through the life of the church; and

**Share**, growing a life that bears witness by praying for 5 individuals who are not yet disciples and inviting 5 people this year to some in-person or online gather in our life together.

May God's grace continue to bear fruit in and through our life together in 2021.

Shalom, Pastor Nathan

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#### LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING

As a congregation committed to mission, our loose change offering gave a "boost" to the missions and programs that are strengthening our church and communities near and far. February's selected mission is Berea Community Outreach.

The mission of Berea Community Outreach is to support residents and connect the community by lending a hand to make a difference. They strive to identify specific needs and provide services to the people who need it most with programs such as Berea Cares, which mobilizes religious and civic organizations to serve the community. Our congregation has partnered with Berea Community Outreach over the past few years to do great work including leaf-raking, food donations, and other Berea Cares activities. During this difficult time, donations are particularly appreciated and can help take care of the needs of our community. If you find yourself in need of some support, please call Natalie Guzzo at 440-826-4891.

Each month, you can support by either mailing in an offering, or doing so electronically at <a href="www.umcb.org/donate">www.umcb.org/donate</a> using the "other" box to donate the mission or simply "loose change offering".



# YOUR VOICE IS WELCOME!



Do you have a heart for children or youth? Do you care deeply about adult discipleship? Consider joining us for a Discipleship Collaborative meeting to see what this team is all about. We would love to have more voices!

Is outreach and mission work something that calls your heart? Are ministries of compassion and justice something you're passionate about or wanting to learn more about? You are also welcome to join us at a Missions & Church Society Collaborative meeting!

Contact **Pastor Carrie** at <u>cantczak@umcb.org</u> or **440-234-3525** x **105** with questions, curiosities, and for upcoming dates.

Since we are meeting online still, you don't even need to travel. Eat dinner at your screen and join us in exciting ministry opportunities!

Sunday, February 7, 2021 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	Isaiah 40.21-31 Psalm 147.1-11, 20c (UMH 859) 1 Corinthians 9.16-23 Mark 1.29-39	For Reflection and Conversation:  What do you think Paul means in 1 Corinthians 9.22 when he says that he became all things to all people so that he could save some? Is that an example you feel called to follow? If so, how might you do so?
Sunday, February 14, 2021 Transfiguration Sunday	2 Kings 2.1-12 Psalm 50.1-6 (UMH 783) 2 Corinthians 4.3-6 Mark 9.2-9	For Reflection and Conversation:  In 2 Kings, Elijah is presented as a "new Moses." In the Gospel of Mark, this image is furthered in the appearance of Jesus with both Moses and Elijah. What do these relationships suggest to you? How do they help you understand who Jesus is? How is Jesus a fulfillment of the law (represented by Moses) and the prophets (represented by Elijah)? What difference does it make?
Sunday, February 21, 2021 First Sunday In Lent	Genesis 9.8-17 Psalm 25.1-10 (UMH 756) 1 Peter 3.18-22 Mark 1.9-15	For Reflection and Conversation:  Jesus' baptism clarifies to whom he belongs. Jesus is God's beloved child, and his baptism signals that God's realm is the only one to which he owes allegiance. As such, his baptism is not only a religious act but also a political and an economic one. In what ways does your baptism into Christ make claims on your political, social, and economic life?
Sunday, February 28, 2021 Second Sunday In Lent	Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22.23-31 (UMH 752) Romans 4.13-25 Mark 8.31-38	For Reflection and Conversation:  Jesus asks the disciples to deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow him. How do you practice self-denial for the sake of the gospel?

#### Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, February 7):

In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. (Mark 1.35)
As I turn to you in prayer this morning, God, bless me with a sense of purpose.
As I go out into this day, show me what I am to do. Amen.

#### Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, February 7):

Everlasting God, you have been here from the foundations of the earth. I give to you this day now ending, with all its gifts and failings. As I rest through the night, renew my strength and, in my dreams, lift me up on the wings of eagles. Amen.

#### Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, February 14):

God of glory, I greet you now at the dawning of this new day. Let my life proclaim Christ Jesus and the good news of the gospel from the rising of the sun to its setting; to the glory of your name. Amen.

#### Evening Prayer (Sunday, February 14):

God of glory, I greet you at the ending of this day.

Overshadow me now with your peace, and make me to rest in your presence from the setting of the sun to its rising; to the glory of your name. Amen.

#### Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, February 24):

God of ancient covenants, your steadfast love and faithfulness still are new every morning.

I think you that I can begin this day in the confidence of your abiding love and mercy. Help me to treat others—family, friends, coworkers, classmates, and strangers—with love and mercy in our encounters today. In the name of your beloved child, Amen.

#### Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, February 24):

God of peace, as this day draws to a close and the evening draws in around me, I think of all the creatures of the earth that also seek rest in the hours of the night. You love them even as you love me, and your covenant faithfulness covers all of us. So, together with all your creatures, I offer you now all thanks and praise. Let us rest in your arms this night. Amen.

#### Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, February 28):

Lord Jesus, help me walk with you this day. If you lead me where I fear to go, give me courage and keep me true, that I may bear my cross without shame and live in the promise of your life. Amen.

#### Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, February 28):

Jesus, if I have strayed, show me my faults, forgive my sins, and set me again on your right path. Keep me in the way of the cross, and lead me to the joy of life in you. Amen.



#### LENT FAITH FORMATION

Join us this Lent in new and creative ways as we reflect this Lenten season...

#### Share a story of faith

Share a story of faith in the daily prayer emails. While we are not producing a paper Lenten devotional this year, we are asking for your stories! Simply write a short reflection and add a prayer if you choose.

For a Scripture and date, contact **Pastor Nathan** at <a href="mailto:nhowe@umcb.org">nhowe@umcb.org</a> or 440-234-3525 x101(beginning now!)

#### Lent-in-a-Box

Register for a box and receive a code to pick it up February 7-14 just inside our main red doors.

Pick up "Lent-in-a-Box" February 7-14 on our church porch. In these boxes you'll find devotional materials for the whole family and other-fun-things you can hold-and use as you creatively explore "Where Your Heart Is" this Lent. Ash Wednesday and other prayer resources will be included. Please pick up one per household!

To reserve a box or to arrange delivery, contact **Pastor Carrie** at **cantczak@umcb.org** or **440- 234-3525 x 105**.

### Virtual Pancake Dinner February 16, 6:30PM

February 16 is known as "Fat Tuesday" and a fun tradition to use up the goodies in the house is to make pancakes for dinner. We're inviting you to our Virtual Pancake Dinner! We anticipate a crowd, and so will use small break out rooms. Simply make your pancakes, join the zoom room, and enjoy a sweet dinner with your church family!

For the zoom link, contact **Pastor Carrie** at **cantczak@umcb.org** or **440-234-3525 x 105**.

# Prayer Walk Throughout Lent (Weather Permitting) Outside the Church

Going on a walk? Walk with God on our "prayer walk" available on dry days outside our church all through Lent. Families will take turns sharing prayer prompts. Invite neighbors to check-it out as well!

#### Reverse Egg Hunt Palm Sunday, March 28

Plan on participating in our "Reverse Egg Hunt" on Palm Sunday afternoon. How does this work? Some of you will sign up to be "host yards" and will be given pre-filled eggs to hide in your yard.

Another family with young children will be assigned to your yard. Watch the fun from the comfort of your window or porch. Take a picture through a window or distanced in your yard. We'll celebrate all of the fun with these pictures later.

Monetary donations for eggs can be made to the church online (Easter Eggs in other box).

To sign-up NOW to be a host yard, or to receive an address to hunt eggs, email or call **Pastor Carrie** at **cantczak@umcb.org** or **440-234-3525** x **105.** 

#### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS, 6:30 PM, VIA ZOOM

Come join us for the Women's Bible Study on Thursday evenings. We will continue our study of **Fierce Hearted** by Holley Gerth. "This will take us to new levels with the Lord as we learn to embarrass the unique kind of bravery He has placed inside of us"

For more information, please contact Mary Lynn Swartz at **440-409-5931** or **marylynn482@gmail.com**.



# COMMISSION ON THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN

Susanna Wesley shaped the minds of her children and those of her fellow congregants. Mother of John, Charles, and Samuel, the Wesleyan movement and its methodical way of living can be traced directly back to her firm hand, sound mind, and persistent faith.

A kind word opens closed flower. A soul-deep prayer lifts the clouds. Each act of love, each measure of care weaves another strand in God's kingdom.

As we enter a new year, God keep our minds focused on God's will.

Jo Swanson



#### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

INTEREST MEETING FEBRUARY 28, 5 PM

We prayerfully hope to be in service this summer with a Youth Work Mission experience. While we will most likely stay somewhat local, we know this work is much needed and will be very transformational.

Interested youth (6th-12th grade currently) and adult chaperones should join the conversation **February 28th at 5 PM**. We may vote on an experience at this meeting - so be sure to be present!

(We will meet by Zoom if we are in red/purple level, Wesley Hall distanced and with masks if yellow/orange level.)



# THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8 6:30 - 8:00 pm, VIA ZOOM

Join us from 6:30-8:00 PM to participate in 2020-2021 Read & Grow Book Discussion Group (on Zoom until the building is open for meetings). Each month's discussion is led by a different member of the group.

#### FEBRUARY 8

#### **There There** by Tommy Orange

Opens with an essay by Orange, and then proceeds to follow a large cast of Native Americans living in the area of Oakland, California, as they struggle with a wide array of challenges ranging from depression and alcoholism, to unemployment, fetal alcohol syndrome, and the challenges of living with an ethnic identity of being "ambiguously nonwhite."

#### March 8

#### The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison

Set in Morrison's hometown of Lorain, Ohio, in 1940–41, the novel tells the tragic story of Pecola Breedlove, a young African American girl from an abusive home. Pecola equates beauty and social acceptance with whiteness, so she longs to have 'the bluest eye.'

Online at <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81259288501">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81259288501</a>

**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**.

# HELP OUR MISSION PARTNER WITH THEIR SCHOOL WIDE-SERVICE PROJECT!



## MUGS WITH A MESSAGE



DONATIONS REQUESTED BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

The Grindstone K-Kids and Mrs. Johnson are working together to sponsor a school wide appreciation campaign to show our thanks and gratitude to our Local Frontline Workers; Berea Police, Fire, Southwest Hospital, and local Nursing Facilities by sending Mugs with a Message.

We are asking that each student and/or staff donate a new/gently used mug. UMCB, you can donate mugs to kids and teachers to put notes in! (Each student and staff member will be given a paper heart to write a short note of thanks for the sacrifice and dedication our frontline workers have demonstrated these past ten months.)

There will be tables outside of Grindstone Elementary up shortly. Just stop by and drop off your mug at your convenience. Each mug will get a heart note of thanks in it, as well as a packet of hot chocolate and will then be given to a frontline worker. We would like to have mugs and hearts by **Friday, February 5** in order to deliver them before February 14.

Thank you!
Mrs. Johnson & Pastor Carrie
(cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x 105)



#### **EQUAL EXCHANGE**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 6:30-7:15 PM, IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE

Give Equal Exchange chocolate to your special valentine and make someone else's life a little sweeter.

Equal Exchange items will be available for purchase on the first Wednesday of each month in the church vestibule from 6:30-7:15 PM.

Unable to come to the church?
Contact the **church office** at **info@umcb.org** or **440-234-3525 x100** and it may be possible to make other arrangements.

## SUPPORT OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 4:00 - 7:00 PM IN FRONT OF THE RED DOORS ON SEMINARY STREET

Collections of food for local food banks continue on Wednesdays. Collections will take place at the red front doors of the church. When you drop off your donation pull up to the red doors, flash your lights and beep your horn. A masked church member will come out to accept your donation.

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 <a href="https://www.umcb.org/donate">www.umcb.org/donate</a>. Please note "food pantry" on the description line.

Thank you for supporting this effort.



#### HAVE A HEART: SUPPORTING OHIOGUIDESTONE

DONATIONS ACCEPTED JANUARY 17-FEBRUARY 15

In the spirit of Jesus Christ, UMCB is about to launch a service project to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy. We are supporting the work of our ministry partner, OhioGuidestone, by collecting much needed items for their residential youth.



Please consider donating:

- \* Coats,
- \* hygiene products (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap),
- \* youth size clothing (Juniors and young men, XS-3X),
- \* underwear and undershirts,
- \* socks.

All of these items must be new. Gently used coats may be donated to be shared with other local outreach projects.

A collection box will be out in front of the church at the main entrance on Seminary Street. Volunteers will be posted either inside the church entrance or in the parking lot to monitor collections and thank you for your donations. Please stop by Wednesdays from 4-7PM, or Saturdays from 10 AM -1 PM.

Questions? Contact **Laura Rushton** at (**jlaurush@aol.com**) or **Pastor Carrie** (**cantczak@umcb.org** or **440-234-3525 x105**).



## UMW'S MISSION OF THE MONTH: WEST SIDE COMMUNITY HOUSE

West Side Community House (WSCH) was founded in 1890 as the Methodist Deaconess Home of Cleveland.

Since 1964, WSCH has operated as a private, nonsectarian nonprofit 501(c)3 social service agency, owned and operated by a board of managers. They work to meet the needs of community residents by providing an array of model programs and services for children, families and older adults. Services are open to all social, racial, ethnic and income groups but are targeted to those who are most vulnerable and at-risk. Their programs strengthen the family, provide opportunities to learn and grow, support independent living, encourage economic self-sufficiency, and renew the life spirit.

WSCH's mission is transforming lives in the community. West Side Community House envisions a people transformed in mind, body and spirit. They continue to create and refine programs that empower and inspire, and to build relationships that support and sustain their mission. They will cultivate a spirit of neighbor caring for neighbor that will give the community back to the people with hope for a brighter future.

Berea UMW has supported the mission and vision of WSCH through hosting speakers and making yearly donations to their Sisterhood Camperships (\$375) and general mission fund (10% of our spring garage sale).

Everyone has a story to tell. Just ask West Side Community House!

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#### **DATED MATERIAL - DO NOT DELAY**

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#### **Our Mission**

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