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## HUMAN RELATIONS SUNDAY SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

While extending help and serving abroad for the sake of the Great Commission is a real and important thing, so is loving our neighbor at home. We are called to both. Human Relations Day is a powerful avenue to extend help and service to our local communities. It is about getting out of our comfortable social circles and offering love and care to those who need help in our neighborhoods and cities. It's about walking with those who feel like everything in life is stacked against them. Helping those on the margins and offering a message of hope.

Together as a church, we participate in helping our communities and being a bright light at home. Giving on Human Relations Day nurtures at-risk youth, strengthens communities' self-improvement efforts, and advocates for the oppressed. Let's become more comfortable with being outside our social circles than we are within them. Let's be more like Jesus, together, on Human Relations Day.

Please consider giving generously on Human Relations Day.

Learn more at <https://youtu.be/risGxXqW2IE>.



CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING

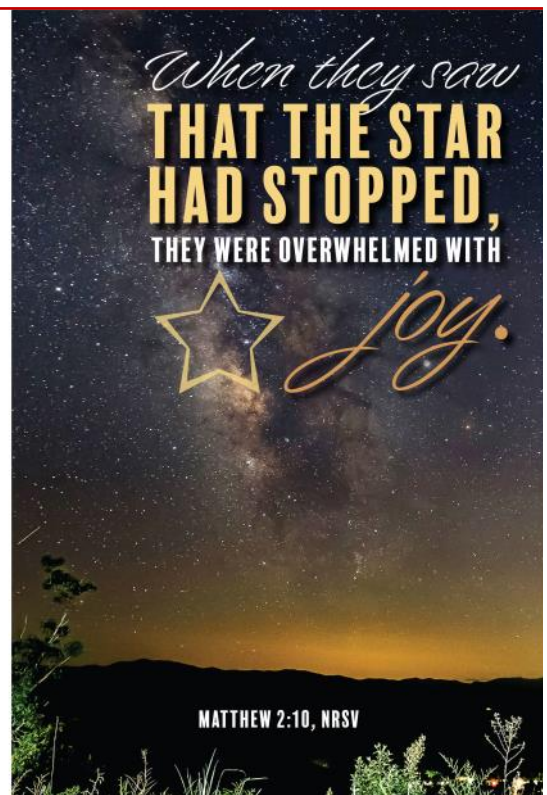
## BLESSING OF HOMES

POST-EPIPHANY (BEGINNING JANUARY 6, 2021)

In some parts of the world, there is a Christian custom of inviting God's blessing on dwelling places, including both homes and workplaces, and upon all who live, work, or visit there. Along with prayers for God's blessing, the front or main entrance is marked with chalk as a sign and reminder that we have invited God's presence into our homes.

This tradition is rooted in the visit of the magi to the place where the Christ-child resided (Matthew 2.1-12), and so it is most appropriately practiced near or during the season after the Epiphany, on January 6.

If you would like to share in this brief and simple ritual of worship for your home at the beginning of 2021, please contact **Pastor Nathan** ([nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x101) with a day and time that would be convenient for you, beginning January 6, 2021.





STAYING CONNECTED

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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Morning Prayer**

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

**Evening Prayer via Zoom**

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

*In-person Sunday Morning Worship, Sundays at 9:00 AM in Wesley Hall, will be temporarily suspended at least through January 15, pursuant to the stay-at-home health advisory issued by the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. Please contact Pastor Nathan ([nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x101) with any questions.*

**Live Streamed Sunday Morning Worship**

Sundays at 11:00 AM  
via Facebook Live

[www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos](http://www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos)

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

**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 ([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).

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](mailto: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 ([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.

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
- Betty Atherton
- Barbara Beihl
- Heidi Blue
- Carol Bodle
- Jean Brenneison
- Cleda Fletcher
- Molly Force
- Carol Heskett
- Jack Irely
- 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
- 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 Baker Family. Richard (Dick) Baker, went on to God's eternal peace on December 4, 2020.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

- Annette (friend of Phil Gehring)
- 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
- Jessica Randall (niece of Kathy Zacharyasz)
- Chet Talarczyk (husband of Judy Talarczyk)

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).



GIVING TREE

Thank you to everyone who supported the Giving Tree this year! There will be many happy children at Christmas because all the requested gifts have been returned, and so many of you also donated more than requested! The spirit of Christmas is flourishing in our church this year!

Congratulations to Kevin & April Rochford (Son & Daughter-in-Law of Barb Rochford) who welcomed their second child, Archie Gregory Rochford, on December 27, 2020.

FROM OHIOGUIDESTONE

On behalf of the individuals we serve, the Board of Directors and staff, thank you for your recent donation of \$300 to OhioGuidestone in support of our Spreading the Joy Holiday Giving Campaign.

Your generous gift is much more than a charitable contribution. With it, we are able to provide hope and empowerment to those who need it most, allowing them to reset their paths, reclaim their autonomy and restore their purpose.

Throughout our history of more than 156 years, OhioGuidestone has evolved to meet the needs of the individuals, families, and neighborhoods in our community. We are grateful for your commitment to those we serve.

If you are interested in learning about other giving opportunities, please call me at **440-260-8341**.

With gratitude,  
Cindy Naegele, *Vice President of Advancement and Communications*

CHURCH STREET MINISTRIES  
THANKSGIVING UPDATE

- In November, Second Mile Food Pantry served 2,220 people 26,640 meals.
- We passed out 345 Thanksgiving dinners for families
- 26 Thanksgiving meals to the HUD-VASH Veterans
- 130 hot Thanksgiving meals provided by Red Tail Golf Course Clubhouse

LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING

Wow, would it be nice to hear our handfuls of loose change “clink clank” on the offering plate again! 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. We would like to start back up the offering for 2021, even though we won’t have the joy of “noisy change”. Look for a highlighted mission each month. See below for more information about January’s selected mission: Sager Brown. Each month, you can support by either mailing in an offering, or doing so electronically at [www.umcb.org/donate](http://www.umcb.org/donate) using the “other” box to donate the mission or simply “loose change offering”.

The Berea Sager Brown Mission Team finished their work project on March 13, 2020. At lunch that day it was announced by Sager Brown in Louisiana would not be hosting any mission groups because of COVID 19. It did not stop Sager Brown from continuing to distribute Relief Supply Kits. From April through September 202, the following kits were distributed to assist with the recovery and healing to those who are most venerable during time of crisis.

62,713 Hygiene Kits \* 19,452 School Kits \* 12,680 Cleaning Kits

Please share your **LOVE, JOY, & HOPE** on Sunday, January 10 through your gifts to Loose Change.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, January 3, 2021</b></p> <p><b>Epiphany Sunday</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Isaiah 60.1-6</i> <i>Psalms 72.1-7, 10-14 (UMH 795)</i> <i>Ephesians 3.1-12</i> <i>Matthew 2.1-12</i></p>	<p><b><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></b></p> <p>Warned in a dream of Herod's harmful intentions, the magi "left for their own country by another road." What could it mean for you to take "another road" as the church concludes its celebrations of the Christmas season this year?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, January 10, 2021</b></p> <p><b>Baptism of the Lord</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Genesis 1.1-15</i> <i>Psalms 29 (UMH 761)</i> <i>Acts 19.1-7</i> <i>Mark 1.4-11</i></p>	<p><b><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></b></p> <p>What role does water have in your daily life? What difference does the Holy Spirit make in the act of baptism? What difference does the Holy Spirit make in your daily life?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, January 17, 2021</b></p> <p><b>Second Sunday after Epiphany</b></p> <p><b>Human Relations Day</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>1 Samuel 3.1-10</i> <i>Psalms 139.1-6, 13-18 (UMH 854)</i> <i>1 Corinthians 7.29-31</i> <i>John 1.43-51</i></p>	<p><b><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></b></p> <p>Where, in what place, and through what person or persons do you hear the call of the Lord? Consider it and listen for it each day this week. Who has awakened in you a new prayer, a new hope, a new insight? Give thanks for those persons and for those moments as signs of God's love for you.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, January 24, 2021</b></p> <p><b>Third Sunday after Epiphany</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jonah 3.1-5, 10</i> <i>Psalms 62.5-12 (UMH 787)</i> <i>1 Corinthians 7.29-31</i> <i>Mark 1.14-20</i></p>	<p><b><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></b></p> <p>Psalm 62 ends by saying, "God, you repay to all according to their work." How do you receive that statement? Do you find it unsettling? Would you rather have God treat you with the "payment you deserve" or with the grace that is promised in Jesus Christ?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, January 31, 2021</b></p> <p><b>Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Deuteronomy 18.15-20</i> <i>Psalms 111 (UMH 832)</i> <i>1 Corinthians 8.1-13</i> <i>Mark 1.21-28</i></p>	<p><b><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></b></p> <p>What troubles are you facing? In what ways is the Holy One casting out your troubles today? Consider these same questions with regard to your family, our community, or the world.</p>

***Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, January 3):***

Loving God,  
do not let my good intentions  
become a means of harm.  
Do not let my trust become cooperation with sin.  
Do not let my naivete  
become an opportunity for hurt.  
Make me prudent in acts of mercy,  
firm in resistance to evil,  
and wise in discerning wrong,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, Amen.

***Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, January 3):***

Loving God,  
in the journey of life  
guide me by the star that leads to Jesus,  
that I may return to you transformed  
by your love. Amen.

***Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, January 10):***

Living God, maker of light,  
thank you for the gift of this day.  
Let me be a light in your world  
so that others will look at me  
and perceive the goodness of your creation;  
in Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

***Evening Prayer (Sunday, January 10):***

Living God, maker of light,  
thank you for the gift of this night.  
Let me be at peace in your presence  
so that I may rest, be restored,  
and arise to praise your glory;  
in Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

***Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, January 17):***

As I rise this day, O God,  
I give you thanks for breath and life,  
for the people I will see today  
and for those whose ways challenge me.  
Help me to give thanks especially  
for those who pull me into new understandings  
and show me sides of life I have not known.  
Urge me to follow you, in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, January 17):***

As the evening comes & the time for rest draws near,  
I give you thanks, O God,  
for another day filled with you.  
I have not done everything I had hoped to do.  
I have not forgiven myself or others as I ought.  
I ask now that you, who know me through & through,  
will lead me to let go of what I cannot change.  
Guard my sleep, and let me rise renewed;  
in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, January 24):***

Loving God, no matter what I am facing this day—  
mourning or gladness, giving or receiving—  
help me to focus on you throughout it all.  
Then, bring me home safely to you. Amen.

***Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, January 24):***

Loving God, thank you for the assurance  
that I live forgiven and loved by you.  
I need your grace  
and hope to share that grace with others.  
As I face this night,  
help me to pour out my heart to you  
and then rest in your peace. Amen.

***Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, January 31):***

In the light of your new day, O God,  
I rise to greet you always on the path in front of me.  
Let me follow with integrity where you will lead.  
Give me courage to know the difference  
between what is false and what is true.  
Teach me to love my neighbor as you do. Amen.

***Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, January 31):***

Holy One, you are the power above all powers,  
the healer who knows our every need.  
You have guided me throughout this day  
and now give me sleep to renew  
my tired body and mind.  
Guard me and keep me in your care. Amen.



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

In case you missed it, here is a great opportunity to “stream” faith formation videos at home! Our church has a subscription to Amplify Media (which is like Netflix for church). We will use it for small groups and Bible studies, but YOU can also use it from home!

You can access a large library of devotions, Bible studies, small group videos, and children’s videos in a few ways:

Use your web browser and go to:  
[amplifymedia.com](http://amplifymedia.com)

Use your Android or Apple device, download the “Amplify Media” app

Use your Roku device on your t.v. download the app “Amplify”

Login/Set-Up information: go to [www.amplifymedia.com/amplify/welcome](http://www.amplifymedia.com/amplify/welcome) to get started. Put in our access code: **BJWMLH**. Create a free user account. Once that is done you can use any of the above ways to stream videos.

You only need to do this step once. After that, you will sign-in with your unique username and password.

Please let us know if this a fruitful offering for your family’s faith formation. We’d love to know what is helpful!

If you need help, let **Pastor Carrie** know at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x105.

# DISCIPLE FAST TRACK

SUNDAYS BEGINNING JANUARY 3  
9:45-11 AM, VIA GOOGLE MEET

Have you ever wanted to learn about the WHOLE Bible and what it means to be a Disciple? Whether you are curious about faith, new to Christianity, or have been a Christian your whole life, this Bible study will give you the opportunity to get a big picture look at the Bible. Join us for deep discussion and spiritual care. This is an online Bible study using Google Meet, so it doesn't matter your location! Expect about 15-20 minutes a day of "homework". And yes, we will cover MOST of the Bible in the course of a year, but just the Old Testament this winter/spring.

Please contact **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x105 to sign up ASAP, so we can get you a book.

We begin January 3, but anticipate new members joining throughout the month.

## PASTOR CARRIE WANTS TO TALK WITH YOU

Hi Families! It’s been a year... but we’re in a new one now! I’d love to check in with you and learn how your kids and youth are doing. As we look forward to yet another unique year, I’d like to know how we can best support your family’s faith formation. Keep an eye out for an email to set up a time to talk, or if you’re still knee-deep in virtual school and more, there’s a simple form you can fill out. You’re all in my prayers as we embrace a new year with fresh possibilities.



THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH  
 MONDAY, JANUARY 9  
 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.

### JANUARY 11

**Les Miserables** by Victor Hugo  
 DVD (134 minutes) with Liam Neeson,  
 movie script by Alain Boublil & William Nicholson  
 music by Claude-Michel Schonberg  
*This is an epic tale of love, honor and obsession played out against the dramatic backdrop of early 19<sup>th</sup> century France. It tells the story of Jean Valjean, whose theft of a loaf of bread condemns him to an unjust prison sentence and a life on the run.*

### 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."*

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.

## COMMISSION ON THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN

"You must not think to live like the rest of the world." The words of Susanna Wesley (John's mother) seem like a challenge for present day Christians. Our current problems remind us that life is not easy for anyone. John Wesley organized his approach to religion under the guidance of an unusual woman. Susanna raised and educated her huge family - over 20 children - and supported her husband's career as a minister. We face challenges today and can gain courage from her words.

*Jo Swanson*

## 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 **Matchless** by Angie Smith about the life of Jesus.

In late January, we will start reading **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](mailto:marylynn482@gmail.com).

## GRIEFSHARE STARTING NEW SESSION

BEGINNING TUESDAY, JANUARY 12  
 VIA ZOOM

We will be starting a new session of GriefShare on January 12, 2020. All are welcome.

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





## UMW SUNDAY PROGRAM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, IN THE 11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

([WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/UMCBBEREA/VIDEOS](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/UMCBBEREA/VIDEOS))

FOLLOWED BY A DISCUSSION VIA ZOOM

UMW Sunday will be January 10. Deaconess Sherri Buehl will be joining us at the 11:00 AM service with a Zoom discussion session to follow at noon. Deaconess Buell offers this information about her sermon:

### **From Served to Servant**

*We all face our challenges in life and there are people who lift us up and strengthen us. God works in us during these times so that we may do the same for others. The UMC of Berea played an enormous role in molding me to be the Servant I am today as Deaconess and a pastor's wife. For this I am grateful.*

Please join us January 10, 2021 to celebrate the role of United Methodist Women in our Church and around the world.

### **PARKING LOT PHENOM**

What started as an easy, safe, unique way to distribute UMW plant coupons quickly became a "parking lot phenom." When some one asked if were "doing it again next week", we all looked at each other and said "yes." The rest, as they say, is history.

For the next 30 weeks, a group of us met on Wednesdays at 11.00 in the church parking lot. We brought our lawn chairs, masked up, and socially distanced. We usually had a dozen or so...coming and going as schedules permitted. We chatted, celebrated birthdays, collected food for Church Street Ministries, and even had a 4<sup>th</sup> of July "parking lot picnic", complete with sparklers. It was a perfect opportunity to see people, socialize, and spiritually support one another.

At the moment, we're taking a break. COVID-19 has placed further restrictions on church gatherings, including those on church property. So, we're waiting until after the holidays and praying that the New Year brings good health, a semblance of "normalcy" and a chance to gather again. Stay tuned to the Caller and weekly newsletter for further news. We'd love to have you join us!!

### **UMW'S MISSION OF THE MONTH: CHURCH STREET MINISTRIES**

Fran Millword founded Church Street Ministries (CSM) in 1986. Those who needed a second chance, including food and clothing were served; the mission grew to include furniture and other goods and is currently located at 1480 Bagley Road.

Church Street Ministries' food pantry is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest Cleveland Food Bank Distributor. In 2019, CSM served 13,339 people and 160,068 meals. The Second Mile Thrift Shop (furniture, clothing, toys, and household goods) supported 134 families and 23 veterans.

CSM has graciously participated in our last 3 Craft and Mission Fairs by providing an information table and goodies to sell. A portion of our gift basket profit (30%) is earmarked as our donation to Church Street Ministries. UMW sponsors a pasta shelf in the pantry and our Morning Circle has joyfully donated food to keep the shelf well stocked. Last Thanksgiving, UMW donated 10 turkeys and food for dinner. Due to the cancellation of our Fall Craft and Mission Fair, UMW donated \$300 to help support the food pantry.

Thanks to ALL who have helped with this mission...donating, volunteering, supporting. Let's continue the great work!!



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

Thank you for supporting this effort.



## EQUAL EXCHANGE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

6:30-7:15 PM

IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE

*Need some coffee, hot cocoa, or tea for these cold winter days? How about some chocolate to make 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.

COMMUNITY



## UMW'S NEW YEAR'S REPORT

The past 8 months have been filled with frustration, anxiety, uncertainty, challenges, and, yes, a sense of hope. Our activities have been limited, but women, youth, and children still need empowerment and support. UMW prayerfully and faithfully continues to support those in need.

Remember the "good old days"? When UMW hosted a Spring Garage Sale (\$3800), Spring Bake Sale (\$228), Fall Garage Sale (\$3450), Fall Bake Sale (\$203), Craft Show (\$940), Gift Basket Auction (\$1100), Meal (\$330) ...all profits from those events supported: UMCOR Sager Brown, Ohio Guidestone, Church Street Ministries, Hanson House, West Side Community House, Laura's Home, Berea Community Meal, Berea Feed the Kids, Youth Work Mission, Messy Church, BW Breakfast, VBS, and Grindstone Partnership. Our obligations also include our pledge to our District UMW.

With our programs and activities limited due to COVID-19, UMW had to be creative with fundraising. Thanks to ALL of you who bought plant coupons, ordered popcorn and purchased Christmas ornaments. We so appreciate your support. But we also had to make some serious decisions regarding which missions received our support this year. We made donations to: West side Community House (\$375), Church Street Ministries (\$300+food), Laura's Home (\$210), Ohio Guidestone (\$300), UMCOR Sager Brown (\$400), BW Breakfast (\$100), Feed the Kids (\$300), and Berea Community Meal (\$300).

If, in the past, you bought something at the garage sale or bake sale, bid on a gift basket, purchased some crafts, ate a sloppy joe or attended one of our luncheons...thank you. Why not contribute again this year? Please consider a donation to UMW. Checks may be made out to: UMW and mailed to the church.

Your generosity and support will help us to continue our mission of empowering and supporting women, youth, and children.

UMW



The Magi came bearing gifts, and began the tradition of gift-giving to celebrate the birth of Christ. We join them this year, offering our gifts to support our community, specifically three of our mission partners - OhioGuidestone, Grindstone Elementary Emergency Fund, and Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland. With each donation in memory or honor of a loved one, a star was placed on our tree in the Sanctuary.

**Stars were placed on our tree  
in loving memory of:**

Bob & Louise Laughlin and Rev. Valerie Stultz  
by Carrie & Jason Antczak

Geraldine Peters by Molly Arthur

Harry & Marie Gregg and Virden & Roberta Beckman  
by Karl & Cass Beckman

David Beckman by Pat Beckman

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Our Family Members & Friends who will always be in  
our hearts but are now at peace with the Holy One  
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Lin & Dean Rowland by The Kurtz Family

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We live into our mission by:

