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## LENT FAITH FORMATION

*Join us 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 [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org)  
or 440-234-3525 x101

### Prayer Walk

*Throughout Lent (Weather Permitting)  
Outside the Church*

Taking a stroll? Come on down past the church to pray-as-you-go down our prayer walk stretching down our sidewalk. Kids & Youth are invited to come Thursdays at 4:30 to help refresh our prayer stations with chalk. Of course, wear a mask, and bring chalk if you wish to help with the refresh. The prayer walk will be open all of Lent, pending dry pavement.

### Reverse Egg Hunt

*Palm Sunday, March 28  
(Rain Date - Saturday, April 3)*

This year, the kids come to your yard! Yes, it's true! Participating church members who sign up as a "hunting yard" will receive eggs to hide (or a youth can hide them for you), already stuffed with goodies. Then we send your address to just one family who will come to find eggs in your yard. All you have to do is watch and enjoy! Snap a picture of the fun so we can all enjoy later!

We have kids waiting for yard assignments!  
Please sign up ASAP by contacting **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x 105.

If you've got little bunnies wanting to hunt for eggs,  
please contact **Pastor Carrie** (*see above for contact info*)  
to receive an address to find your treats!

Sign up by **March 15** please.

Thanks for making this a special season for our community kids!



## Palm Sunday

**March 28, 11AM**

Palm/Passion Sunday begins Holy Week by embodying its sharp contrasts. In the palm procession, we experience the joyous inaugural parade of Jesus as he enters Jerusalem. In the concluding reading of the Gospel, we are confronted by the story of Jesus' passion or suffering. By the sharp contrast, we are reminded of our various seasons of faithfulness: that our lives of faith are filled with both suffering and joy, times of following Jesus closely and times of falling away. Yet in every season, God's love for us remains steadfast.

## Maundy Thursday

**April 1, 7PM**

On Maundy Thursday, named for the command or "mandate" Jesus gives all disciples to love one another, we remember Jesus' example of servanthood and celebrate the Lord's Supper. The worship service concludes with the ancient practice of stripping the altar table as a dramatic demonstration of Jesus' abandonment during the events of this night and Good Friday. Worship on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are celebrated as one continuous worship service.



## Good Friday

**April 2, 12PM and 7PM**

Good Friday is the second of the Great Three Days—or *Triduum*—consisting of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

The 12PM worship service on this day will focus on the "seven last words" spoken by Jesus from the cross and will be a collaborative effort of the Berea Area Churches; this worship service will be live streamed at [www.facebook.com/BereaAreaChurches/live](http://www.facebook.com/BereaAreaChurches/live).

You are invited to participate in a "virtual crosswalk" that will be part of this 12PM worship service by submitting to Pastor Nathan ([nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org)) pictures or short videos of crosses around town. Think of a location in our community that holds significance for you--e.g. outside your home, at one of the parks, by the lake, somewhere on campus, near a church building or other significant building, etc.--and take a photo of a cross or yourself or your family with a cross at that location. Consider submitting a photo of a cross that decorates your home, either in your home or out at some place in our community. These images will be incorporated into our Berea Community Good Friday worship service as a "virtual crosswalk" through Berea. The deadline to submit images will be the end of the day on **Tuesday, March 16**.

The 7PM worship service on this day will be in a form called *Tenebrae*, or a "Service of Shadows," based on a 12<sup>th</sup>-century extended meditation on the passion of Christ. The invitation of this day is to draw near Jesus' cross and to join him, as closely as we are able, in his experience of suffering, abandonment, and death.

# Holy SATURDAY



## Holy Saturday

*April 3, 7PM*

Holy Saturday is the third of the Great Three Days, and our worship on this day continues the service begun on Maundy Thursday and continued on Good Friday. Before the great triumph and celebration of Easter Sunday, this is a day to keep silence, to be still and know God's presence, and to remember that we are always waiting for the fullness of God's promised resurrection.

## Easter Sunday

*April 4, 11AM*

The Easter season, also known as the Great Fifty Days, begins at sunset on Easter Eve and continues through the Day of Pentecost. This is our most joyous and celebratory season and the core of the entire Christian year. Together in worship, we will focus on Christ's resurrection, the triumph of God's love over all the powers of death, and the continuing invitation to us to live as Easter people, sharing God's love with the world.



*For each of our worship services during Holy Week, join us at [www.facebook.com/umcherea/live](https://www.facebook.com/umcherea/live).  
More details about opportunities to worship in person will be shared in email communications closer to the dates.  
Please contact the church office ([info@umcb.org](mailto:info@umcb.org)) or Pastor Nathan ([nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org)) with any questions.*



<p align="center"><b>March 29, 2021</b> <b>Monday of Holy Week</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>March 30, 2021</b> <b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>March 31, 2021</b> <b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b></p>
<p align="center"><i>Isaiah 42.1-9</i> <i>Psalms 36.5-11 (UMH 771)</i> <i>Hebrews 9.11-15</i> <i>John 12.1-11</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>Isaiah 49.1-7</i> <i>Psalms 71.1-14 (UMH 794)</i> <i>1 Corinthians 1.18-21</i> <i>John 12.20-36</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>Isaiah 50.4-9a</i> <i>Psalms 70 (UMH 793)</i> <i>Hebrews 12.1-3</i> <i>John 13.21-32</i></p>
<p><b><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></b> In preparation for the days that lie ahead, Mary offers an extraordinary amount of perfume to anoint Jesus' body. What act of extraordinary generosity might you offer to Jesus this week or this year?</p>	<p><b><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></b> What difference do you perceive between choosing to serve and choosing to be a servant? What would it look like for you today or this week to be a servant in the model of Jesus?</p>	<p><b><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></b> When have you felt yourself surrounded by "a great cloud of witnesses"? Make some time today to pause and name some of those witnesses whom you perceive surrounding you as you live your faith.</p>



<p align="center"><b>April 1, 2021</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>April 2, 2021</b> <b>Good Friday</b></p>		<p align="center"><b>April 3, 2021</b> <b>Holy Saturday</b> <b>Easter Eve</b></p>
<p align="center"><i>Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14</i> <i>Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19 (UMH 837)</i> <i>Corinthians 11:23-26</i> <i>John 13:1-17, 31b-35</i></p>	<p align="center"><i>Isaiah 52:13-53:12</i> <i>Psalms 22 (UMH 752)</i> <i>Hebrews 10:16-25</i> <i>John 18:1-19:42</i></p>		<p align="center"><i>Exodus 14</i> <i>Psalms 114 (UMH 835)</i> <i>Romans 6.3-11</i> <i>Mark 16.1-8</i></p>
<p><b><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></b> For the Jewish tradition, Passover is a day of remembrance and celebration just as every Lord's Supper is for Christians. What words, phrases, or practices of this sacrament carry the most meaning for you?</p>	<p><b><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></b> Why is this Friday called "good"? How do we both renounce the evil of Jesus' crucifixion and rejoice in the saving mystery of his death and resurrection?</p>		<p><b><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></b> Holy Saturday is our opportunity to join Jesus in the darkness and silence of the tomb—to wait faithfully for what God will do. Make some time for silent listening and waiting today.</p>





### Worship Opportunities

#### Live Streamed Sunday Worship

Sundays at 11AM  
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

*You are welcome to join us in-person in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings at 11AM. There will be no congregational singing in the worship space, and the worship service still will be primarily oriented as an online worship service, but if you are interested in worshipping with others in the Sanctuary, you are welcome to join us. The main red doors will open at 10:45AM.*

#### Morning Prayer

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

#### Evening Prayer via Zoom

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

#### Virtual Fellowship Hour via Zoom

Sundays immediately following the 11AM  
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](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 10-11 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	Joyce McGee
Molly Arthur	Betty Miller
Betty Atherton	Rev. Cal Myers
Barbara Beihl	Donna O'Brien
Heidi Blue	Esther O'Hearn
Carol Bodle	Donald Powers
Jean Brenneison	Lou Russell
Cleda Fletcher	Russ Sanderson
Molly Force	Jo Swanson
Carol Heskett	Carol Thompson
Jan Heter	Kathleen Wargelin
Jack Irely	Sam Weaver
Larry Jelinek	Gloria Wharton
Michelle Lawrence	

**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 Scott & Cheryl Gray. Their son, Michael, went on to God's eternal peace on January 31, 2021.  
 ...to the family and friends of Bob Miller, the brother of Marilyn Foster, who went on to rest in God's eternal peace on February 19, 2021.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Debbie and Augie (parents of Stacey Antczak)  
 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)  
 Amy Marie 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  
 Brian (son of Susan Pogue)  
 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).



## LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING

As a congregation committed to mission, our loose change offering gives a “boost” to the missions and programs that are strengthening our church and communities near and far.

### March’s selected mission is Hanson House.

*Hanson House supports those living with Traumatic Brain Injuries in our community. They have been supported by our congregation in a number of ways through the years. Hanson House is a network of members and volunteers who participate in social, recreational, and work-oriented programs for the purpose using and developing practical and functional living skills. While not in our building at the moment, we hope to see their return soon. In the meantime, we continue to support their vital work of compassion in our community.*

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”.

## HONOR BOOK

Placed in the Sanctuary Narthex beneath the Memorial Book is our book honoring friends, family members, and other special people. Their names are beautifully engraved in the book for different reasons. It may have been a baptism, marriage, graduation, or an anniversary. It could have been an act of kindness or a task well done.

Recently Dave Lebrun was added to the rolls of our Honor Book. His faithful service to the Wednesday evening Food Pantry Collections through the past year has been greatly appreciated.

If there is someone you would like to honor, fill out the card found in the Narthex and return it to the church office. Donations are used to further church needs and programs.

## 2021 CHURCH COUNCIL ROSTER

Margaret Proctor (church council chairperson)  
 Greg Rentsch (co-lay leader)  
 Terry Kurtz (co-lay leader)  
 Don Moody (lay member of the annual conference)  
 Carol Anne McCleery (finance committee chairperson)  
 Tom Marek (SPRC chairperson)  
 Dave Ulman (board of trustees chairperson)  
 Jan Harlamert (treasurer)  
 Maryann Herron (financial secretary)  
 Nancy Buehler (worship committee chairperson)  
 Betsy Meikle (UMW president)  
 Rebecca Zeiter (discipleship collaborative)  
 Orley Aten (Stephen Ministry representative)  
 Wendy Jelinek (church and society committee chairperson)  
 Laura Rushton (missions committee chairperson)  
 Bill Pierce (at-large member)  
 Ron Teutsch (at-large member)  
 Judy Warnsman (at-large member)  
 Chuck Dixon (at-large member)  
 Von Smith (at-large member)  
 Carrie Antczak (pastor of Christian formation and outreach)  
 Nathan Howe (pastor)

<p><b>Sunday, March 7, 2021</b></p> <p><b>Third Sunday in Lent</b></p>	<p><i>Exodus 20:1-7</i>  <i>Psalm 19 (UMH 750)</i>  <i>1 Corinthians 1:18-25</i>  <i>John 2:13-22</i></p>	<p><b><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></b></p> <p>The scripture lessons for the Third Sunday in Lent focus on the gift of God's law or instructions. These instructions are given to guide our lives in relationships with our neighbors and in relationship with God. They also show us how to respond to God's grace. When you think of God's instructions, do they feel more restrictive or more freeing?</p>
<p><b>Sunday, March 14, 2021</b></p> <p><b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b></p> <p><b>UMCOR Sunday</b></p>	<p><i>Numbers 21:4-9</i>  <i>Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (UMH 830)</i>  <i>Ephesians 2:1-10</i>  <i>John 3:14-21</i></p>	<p><b><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></b></p> <p>What does the light of God's truth reveal about your life? Are there parts of your life that you want to keep hidden from God? Can you imagine what it would be like to live completely transparent in God's searching light?</p>
<p><b>Sunday, March 21, 2021</b></p> <p><b>Fifth Sunday In Lent</b></p>	<p><i>Jeremiah 31:31-34</i>  <i>Psalm 51:1-12 (UMH785)</i>  <i>Hebrew 5:5-10</i>  <i>John 12:20-33</i></p>	<p><b><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></b></p> <p>God is at work, offering forgiveness, showing mercy, and giving knowledge of life, death, and salvation. Where is God enacting that new life within or around you today? What in your life must die so that you may flourish? What must fall away so that you can rise again in Christ?</p>
<p><b>Sunday, March 28, 2021</b></p> <p><b>Passion Sunday Palm Sunday</b></p>	<p>Liturgy of the Passion:  <i>Isaiah 50:4-9a</i>  <i>Psalm 31:9-16 (UMH 764)</i>  <i>Philippians 2:5-11</i>  <i>Matthew 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54</i></p> <p>Liturgy of the Palms:  <i>Matthew 21:1-11</i>  <i>Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839)</i></p>	<p><b><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></b></p> <p>The passion of Christ is a story of terror in which, against all odds, love wins. How might this story reshape your week, your life, our world? Where will you commit to letting love win? How will this change your life and relationships?</p>



***Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, March 7):***

God of heaven and earth,  
I listen this morning for the sounds of your glory:  
in the songs of birds,  
in quiet conversations beginning the day,  
in sunlight's warmth,  
in pattering rain or nearly silent snowfall.  
Give me ears to hear your glory in its many forms.  
Give me eyes to see your glory in its many faces.  
May I be part of the chorus of praise  
that stretches to the ends of the earth. Amen.

***Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, March 7):***

God of freedom,  
I thank you for claiming me as your own  
and for setting me in the midst of a community.  
Today, I have struggled to live before you  
and my neighbors  
in faithfulness, generosity, and love.  
As the day comes to an end,  
I pray for forgiveness for myself  
and for this weary world,  
confident of your grace and mercy.  
Send your gift of Sabbath rest. Amen.

***Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, March 14):***

Loving God, draw me to your light,  
that I may avoid the dangers of sin  
and receive the freedom of your grace  
in and through Jesus Christ, Amen.

***Evening Prayer (Sunday, March 14):***

Lord Christ, as shadows of night draw near,  
sustain me by the light  
that banishes the fearful claim of death.  
Help me believe in you with all my heart  
that I may know the freedom of salvation  
and at last receive the joy of eternal life in you.  
Amen.

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

Loving God, you offer the gift of new life each day.  
Open my heart to receive this grace  
that I may be wholly yours,  
then give me the courage to share this gift  
wherever I go  
as I seek to walk in your way of mercy,  
forgiveness, and newness of life. Amen.

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

Forgiving God, who makes all things new,  
you know where I have flourished this day,  
and you know where I have failed.  
Help me to know that in all my challenges  
there is a seed of hope  
that enables me to more faithfully depend on you.  
May I rest in peace this night  
and awake refreshed  
to greet the newness of your day. Amen.

***Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, March 28):***

Jesus, in your passion and resurrection,  
you show me there is no place you have not been  
and no place you will not go.  
Morning by morning, you awaken me more deeply  
to this truth.  
Send me into the world this day  
with the courage and wisdom I need  
to be a faithful witness to your beloved community  
of justice, mercy, and peace. Amen.

***Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, March 28):***

Although I have sought to serve you this day,  
I have failed to keep your love completely.  
You know my strengths and weaknesses  
better than I do;  
reveal them to me that I may be healed this night  
and begin afresh tomorrow. Amen.



## Children's Ministry News

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are in the "homestretch" of faith formation only at home. We hope to be back to Sunday School in the building by fall. But until then...

**Short Weekly Devotions** from our curriculum provider can be sent to you via email - IF you choose. **Just email Pastor Carrie to let her know you'd like on this mailing list.** These devotions include a short Bible story, suggested activities for home, and a short prayer. This will allow us to keep up with covering our New Testament stories for the year. Spring quarter includes the foundational Bible stories - You won't want your kids to miss them.

We're also planning on seeing each other's faces on google meet! Join us March 14, April 11, and May 2nd at 4 pm for **Children's Chapel**. Our themes will be: The Greatest Commandment, Easter Parade, and the Church of Tomorrow, Today! Meetings will last 30-45 minutes. Links will be sent out the week of each meeting.



### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS MARCH 28, 5PM

Join us March 28 for Youth Group at 5PM! We hope to meet in-person outside of the church. Come to get dirty! We hope to plant early spring seeds in pots to take home. We'll also play some games, and have a short Bible study. Stay in the know by keeping an eye for Remind messages from Pastor Carrie. Bring clothes to get dirty, a Bible, and a mask.

We are also in the midst of planning for Youth Work Mission 2021. We will most likely be staying close to home, but having all the fun and doing great service for our community. Youth Work Mission is open to those completing 6th grade through high school. All grown-up but still want to be a part of the team? We can make that happen! This year provides us with the opportunity to include more adults than usual. If you're interested in joining us, please let Pastor Carrie know to get the details.

Youth also have access to a great app for the Lenten season with devotions written for and by youth. Simply go to: [sparkhousedevos.org](https://sparkhousedevos.org) on your mobile device. Hit the share button to add it to your homescreen and you're ready to go!

### COMMISSION ON THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN

Lydia Maria Francis Child was the first woman, perhaps the first person, to write an anti-slavery book.

She lived in Massachusetts and attracted attention which helped promote the anti-slavery movement.

*Jo Swanson*





THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH  
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 6:30 - 8PM, VIA ZOOM

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

By phone: 1-888-788-0099, Meeting ID: 812 5928 8501

Join us on Monday, March 8, from 6:30- 8PM to participate in the 2020-2021 Read & Grow Book Group (on Zoom until the building is open for meetings).

### MARCH 8

#### **The Bluest Eye** by Toni Morrison

*Nine-year-old Claudia and ten-year-old Frieda MacTeer live in Lorain, Ohio, with their parents. It is the end of the Great Depression, and the girls' parents are more concerned with making ends meet than with lavishing attention upon their daughters, but there is an undercurrent of love and stability in their home. The MacTeers take in a boarder, Henry Washington, and also a young girl named Pecola who thinks she is ugly. Pecola equates beauty and social acceptance with whiteness, so she longs to have "the bluest eye."*

### APRIL 12

#### **Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life** by Barbara Kingsolver

*Author, Barbara Kingsolver, and her family abandoned the industrial-food pipeline to live a rural life - vowing that, for one year, they only buy food raised in their own neighborhood, grow it themselves, or learn to live without it. The book is an enthralling narrative that will open your eyes in a hundred new ways to an old truth: You are what you eat.*

Each month's discussion is led by a different member of the group.  
If you have questions, please call **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, 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 embrace 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 Support Group*



**New Participants Welcome!**  
Tuesdays via Zoom

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





## VIRTUAL MISSION TRIP TO UMCOR SAGER BROWN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2:30PM, VIA ZOOM

One of our significant and long-standing mission partnerships has been with the UMCOR Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana, where we have been sending mission teams every spring. The Sager Brown Depot stores, prepares, and ships relief supplies for the United Methodist Committee on Relief to communities and schools in the wake of natural disasters. It also reaches out to its local community through food distribution and housing rehabilitation projects, offering volunteers the opportunity to make a real positive difference in the lives of their neighbors.



Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, UMCOR Sager Brown has been unable to host volunteers on campus since mid-March 2020. However, there still are opportunities for us to stay connected with the mission and ministry of Sager Brown through a “virtual mission trip” via Zoom. Whether or not you have traveled previously with one of our teams, you are invited to join a Zoom meeting hosted by our partners at Sager Brown on Wednesday, March 17 at 2:30PM. This two-hour meeting is intended as an introduction to the Sager Brown campus and ministry as well as an opportunity to continue our support of this important work.



For more information, including the Zoom link to join the March 17 meeting, please email **Pastor Nathan** ([nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org)).

## SUPPORT OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, 4- 7 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

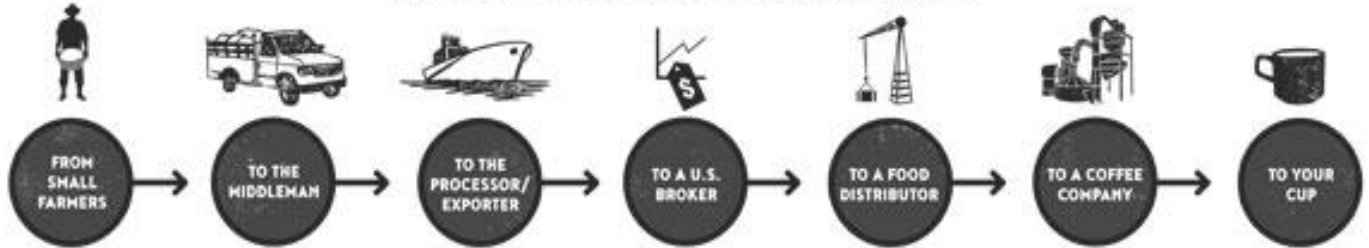
FAIR TRADE COFFEE JOURNEY

Learn more about how Equal Exchange is bridging the gap between coffee growers and coffee drinkers.  
[www.equalexchange.com](http://www.equalexchange.com)



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## THE CONVENTIONAL COFFEE JOURNEY



### EQUAL EXCHANGE . . . COMPASSION IN ACTION

As you know, UMCB has supported the fair wage for farmers through purchasing Equal Exchange items for many years. In addition to our getting delicious, organically grown foods/beverages and the growers getting a fair wage, Equal Exchange (E.E.) also supports UMCOR. Another way E.E. supports communities is through its farmer cooperatives helping their local communities. For example, ACOPAGRO, one of their cocoa partners in Peru, used fair trade premium payments from E.E. to provide food, masks and cleaning supplies to co-op members in 2 different communities. Also, banana farmers at AsoGuabo in Ecuador used fair trade premiums to purchase PPE for medical workers in their community. Certainly essentials during the pandemic! Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

*Submitted by Wendy Jelinek Church & Society*



Equal Exchange items will be available for purchase on **Wednesday, March 3** and 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](mailto:info@umcb.org) or **440-234-3525 x100**

and it may be possible to make other arrangements.

COMMUNITY



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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 also in need of Dietary Assistance at our Westlake Facility, Veterans Serving Veterans, Attorney, and Notary Volunteers.

Two virtual training series are held every month for new volunteers. Trainings in March are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 16, 18, 23, and 25 from 9AM-Noon or Saturdays, March 20 and 27 from 9 AM-4 PM.

For more information, please fill out an online application at [hospicewr.org/volunteer](https://hospicewr.org/volunteer) or contact us at **216-255-9090**. Volunteers who complete virtual training will be able to provide in-person visits when it is deemed safe.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS  
TIME BEGINS  
SUNDAY, MARCH 14.

REMEMBER TO  
SPRING FORWARD!



### EARTH DAY PROJECT

DETAILS COMING SOON

Church and Society and our youth are planning something wonderful for Earth day!  
Stay tuned for details!

If you'd like to be part of the planning, contact Wendy Jelinek at **440-826-9027** or [snowleopard7001@yahoo.com](mailto:snowleopard7001@yahoo.com).



### UMW MISSION OF THE MONTH: LAURA'S HOME

Just over a year ago, we gathered in Fellowship Hall for a luncheon and program, sponsored by UMW. We introduced one of our new missions: Laura's Home.

Laura's Home, a part of Cleveland's City Mission, is a crisis center, for women and children...a bridge from crisis to stability and self-sufficiency. Laura's home has 166 beds and 55 rooms, with every room full and a 5-year waiting list! The center offers specialized, wrap-around services to help and empower women and families to live healthy lives. In 2019, Laura's Home housed 732 women and children, served 81,316 hot meals, and successfully found housing for 67 women and families.

Finding help, healing hearts, and empowering home. Each woman is offered the tools that are needed to gain employment, save money and secure adequate housing. Day care and schooling are available for the children, so the mother can navigate her circumstances.

UMW initially donated \$200 to Laura's Home. The luncheon's free will offering netted another \$210, which upon request, was designated for bus passes, to assist the women in getting to job interviews and children to school. At our final Circle meeting, we began our collection of deodorant, to help supply the hygiene closet at Laura's Home.

Help...heart...home. That's the mission and goal of Laura's Home.

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**REMEMBER OR HONOR A LOVED ONE  
BY SUPPORTING OUR GLOBAL PARTNERS IN MISSION THIS EASTER.**

This Easter we are inviting you to give missionally, in lieu of flowers. There will still be some lovely flowers in our worship space, but we'd also like to fill it with symbolic new life in the form of seed paper butterflies. Each butterfly will represent a donation made in memory or honor of a person of your naming. The funds donated will support the important ministry of our global partners in mission.

**Cambodia** - *The United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries in Cambodia is launching a new ministry in 2021 called the "Shine Project." This ministry will provide vocational training for young women, ages 16-25, who are unable to attend university due to a lack of money. Through the Shine Project, participants will receive training and licensure in trades such as cooking and cosmetology, opening avenues to economic empowerment.*

**Guatemala** - *Our Guatemalan mission supports women who live in the mountains and have little access to paid work. We help the women create small businesses. Most businesses are a single farm animal, most commonly, cattle. The women strive to produce the healthiest animals possible, including the construction of shelters to protect them. Our church funds the concrete for the floors. The women and their families provide the roofing and other materials. Our church and the women each contribute something different but "it is the same God at work." I Corinthians 12:6c (NIV).*

Use this attached form to request a butterfly by March 20, 2021. Mail donations or donate online at [www.umcb.org/donate](http://www.umcb.org/donate) with the memo "butterfly". A full list of those remembered or honored will be included in the Easter bulletin as well as the May Caller.

After Easter, we invite you to come "pluck" a butterfly from our display, or request it be mailed to you. You can then plant your butterfly to enjoy lovely spring flowers. (Directions will be included for planting.)

As the Easter message spreads throughout the earth anew this year,  
we pray to send our blessings on "wings" as well.

**Butterfly Request Form**

**All forms and payments are due to the church office by March 20, 2021.**

*If donating online, please put the amount in the "other" category and specify "butterfly" as the description.*

*If mailing a check to the church office, please write "butterfly" on the memo line.*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone or Email:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(in case we have questions)*

**Donation made in memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation made in honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**After Easter, I wish to...**

- "pluck" my butterfly from the church display.
- request that my butterfly be mailed to me.

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Caller**

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**DATED MATERIAL - DO NOT DELAY**

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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:

