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EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 4

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.

7 AM SUNRISE SERVICE ON THE NORTH LAWN *(masks and physical distancing required)*

Bring a lawn chair and join us at the north end of the building
as we welcome the Risen Christ along with the rising sun.

11 AM WORSHIP

ONLINE (WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/UMCBEREA/LIVE) AND IN THE SANCTUARY

*(limited to 25 households, masks and physical distancing required;
pre-registration required—sign up by March 31 at www.umcb.org/worshipresources.)*

Although we are still restricted in our ability to gather all together in one place as we would like, we remain connected to one another and to God through our worship and through these rhythms. Please join us in whatever ways you are able and comfortable, and invite others to join us, also.

(See next page for Holy Week Worship Schedule.)



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Please join us in whatever ways you are able and comfortable, and invite others to join us. (See prior page for Easter Sunday's schedule.)

CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING



APRIL 1, 7PM WORSHIP
ONLINE (WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/UMCBEREA/LIVE)
AND IN THE SANCTUARY
limited to 25 households,
masks and physical distancing required

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.



TWO PRE-RECORDED WORSHIP SERVICES
AVAILABLE ONLINE STARTING AT NOON
BEREA COMMUNITY CROSSWALK AND WORSHIP
(WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/BEREAAREACHURCHES/LIVE)
EAST OHIO BLACK PASTORS' FELLOWSHIP
SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS
(WWW.COTSUMC.ORG/LIVE)

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



6PM WORSHIP
ONLINE (WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/UMCBEREA/LIVE)
AND IN THE SANCTUARY
limited to 25 households, masks and physical distancing required

EASTER VIGIL 7PM-7AM, IN THE SANCTUARY
(sign-up for a time slot at www.umcb.org/worshipresources.)

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.

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
(UMH 837)
Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

For Reflection & Conversation:
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?

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 22 (UMH 752)
Hebrews 10:16-25
John 18:1-19:42

For Reflection & Conversation:
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?

Exodus 14
Psalm 114 (UMH 835)
Romans 6.3-11
Mark 16.1-8

For Reflection & Conversation:
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.



Native American Ministries Sunday

“We come together as one in Christ from all over this great planet that was loaned to us. May the Great Creator come into our hearts and make us one. Amen.”

JOSEPHINE DEERE, MUSCOGEE CREEK, RETIRED DCM, OKLAHOMA INDIAN MISSIONARY CONFERENCE



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

“The apostles continued to bear powerful witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and an abundance of grace was at work among them all.” —Acts 4:33, CEB

When you support Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. And you empower congregations that are finding fresh new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ.

As part of its efforts to provide relief during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference (OIMC) utilized funds from the Native American Ministries Sunday offering to strengthen outreach to families in need. “We purchased Personal Protection Equipment including masks, water bottles and hand sanitizer for Native children returning to school, through a grant from the General Board of Global Ministries. Those funds came from the Native American Ministries Sunday Fund,” said the Rev. David Wilson, assistant to the bishop of the OIMC.

Thirty local pastors and lay missionaries received a one-time grant thanks to the West Ohio Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church through their Native American Ministries Sunday Funds.

“In addition, our churches were able to purchase food and snack packs for children who were at home during the pandemic and they were able to provide utility assistance to families in OIMC. We are blessed with the connectional network of The United Methodist Church and the many great organizations beyond that have allowed us to serve our Native community in this time of need,” said Wilson.

Gifts to Native American Ministries Sunday provide scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians, strengthen and develop Native American ministries and communities—both urban and rural—and support Native American outreach.

Visit <https://youtu.be/syPlxuJdPMw> to learn more and please consider giving generously on Sunday, April 18.

CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING



Worship Opportunities

Live Streamed Sunday Worship

Sundays at 11AM
via Facebook Live

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 yet, but if you are interested in worshipping with others in our shared worship space, 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 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 10-11 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 (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

CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING

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 | Mary Potts |
| Jean Brenneison | Donald Powers |
| Cleda Fletcher | Lou Russell |
| Molly Force | Russ Sanderson |
| Carol Forster | Jo Swanson |
| Carol Heskett | Carol Thompson |
| Jan Heter | Kathleen Wargelin |
| Jack Irely | Sam Weaver |
| Larry Jelinek | Gloria Wharton |
| Michelle Lawrence | |

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)
 Josh Lambert (grandson of Corky Cline)
 Ben Lebrun
 Zachary New (grandson of Bob & Jackie King)

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)
 Eva Williamson (Western Reserve-Medina)

WE REACH OUT IN

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND LOVE ...

- ... to Ron Isgro and family on the passing of his brother, Larry, who went on to rest in God's eternal peace on March 10, 2021.
 ... to Joanne Roads, the Roads Family and friends of Ken Roads, who went on to rest in God's eternal peace on March 11, 2021.
 ... to the family and friends of Bob Warner, who went on to rest in God's eternal peace on March 17, 2021.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- Debbie and Augie (parents of Stacey Antczak)
 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)
 Mike Cline (son of Corky Cline)
 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)

To receive Prayer Concerns by email, please email the **Church Office** at info@umcb.org.

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



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.

April's selected mission is Youth Work Mission.

See Page 11 for more information.

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

Thank you for your recent contribution to The Nehemiah Mission.

Your financial gift is critical in allowing us to continue our work in the City of Cleveland and beyond.

Your total annual giving will be recognized in a gift recognition letter which you will receive shortly after the beginning of the new year.

In the meanwhile, know that your support in all forms is appreciated and is making a difference in many lives.

James T Szakacs
Executive Director

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated to our "Have a Heart" collection for OhioGuidestone. Thanks to your generosity, the youth in their residential campus now have enough hygiene supplies to last them for a year! We also collected some very nice new clothes, shoes, underwear and socks to have on hand for new admissions. Often these are children who have been traumatized and had to leave home with no time to pack. Geeya Gibson has expressed her appreciation on behalf of these children and the Guidestone staff. I would like to say a special thanks to Dave LeBrun for accepting donations on Wednesdays, and our volunteers who gave up some of their Saturday hours to help with this mission: Sue Esper, Barb Peterson, Bobbie DiNicola, Kathleen Bradley, Molly Force, and Wendy Jelinek. All donated items have been delivered as of the first week of March.

If you would like to do anything further, please contact
Laura Rushton (567-303-1954 or jlaurush@gmail.com),
Pastor Carrie (440-234-3525 x105 or cantczak@umcb.org),
 or **Pastor Nathan** (440-234-3525 x100 or nhowe@umcb.org).

In Christian love,
 Laura Rushton

EASTER BUTTERFLIES

This Easter, our altar will be decorated with symbolic new life in the form of seed paper butterflies. Each butterfly represents a donation made in memory or honor of a loved one. The funds donated will support the important ministry of our global partners in mission - Cambodia and Guatemala.

Butterflies have been given in Memory of:

Margaret & Edwin Arthur by Molly Arthur
Gerry Peters by Molly Arthur
Gene Autry Darby by Paul Darby
Kristine Nelson Noll by Nancy Donahue
Douglas Esper by Sue Esper
Robert Miller by Ken & Marilyn Foster
William & Mary Miller by Ken & Marilyn Foster
Les & Eloise Foster by Ken & Marilyn Foster
Helen & Bob Graham by The Graham Family
Our Ancestors by Jan & Paul Harlamert
Richard Ramga by Megan & Nathan Howe
Bill Hunger by Mary Lou Hunger
Julie Wharton by Mary Lou Hunger
Marilyn Jelinek by Larry, Keli, and Wendy Jelinek
Helen and Edward Jelinek
by Larry, Keli, and Wendy Jelinek
Mary Vlach by Larry, Keli, and Wendy Jelinek
Frances and John Kubicek
by Larry, Keli, and Wendy Jelinek
Faithful Chancel Choir member, Carol Goepfert
by Barbara MacGregor
Faithful Chancel Choir member, Kenneth Williams
by Barbara MacGregor
Helen Mallarnee by Martha Mallarnee
Carol Hemker, Pat Reese, Linda Donahue, Barb Rochford,
Carol Isgro, Lydia Proctor, Nick Wik, Dick Vale, and
Laurie Garvin by the NEWSingers
Dr. Thomas K. Oakley by Ellen L. Oakley
My parents, John & Nancy Peterson by Barbara Peterson
Carol Hemker by Barbara Peterson
Valerie & Buck Stultz by Barbara Peterson
Carol Hemker by Sara Phillips
Linda Donahue by Sara Phillips
Barb Rochford by Sara Phillips
Valerie & Buck Stultz by Sara Phillips
Don & Betsy Pierce by Bill & Bep Pierce
Alice, Steve, and Beverly Holland by Margaret Proctor
Lydia Proctor by Margaret Proctor
Marjorie Sayler by Margaret Proctor
Roy & Pat Reese by Jessica Reese & Thoriq Hardian
Our Grandson, Philip Rowland by Dean & Lin Rowland
My mother, Joanne Hahn by Laura Rushton
My Grandmother, Virginia Brown by Laura Rushton
Todd Simon by Russ & Ruthann Simon
Ruth & Victor Petras by Russ & Ruthann Simon



Marie & Joseph Simon by Russ & Ruthann Simon
Beloved Mother & Grandmother, Lydia Proctor
by Carol Stepancik
Nicole Lambert by Judy & Chet Talarczyk
Bob Miller by Judy & Chet Talarczyk



In Honor of:

Musicians by Tom & Karen Caldwell
Maura, Rosario, & Edy Diaz in Guatemala by Molly Force
UMCB Church Staff by Jan & Paul Harlamert
Emma Waid by Nathan & Megan Howe
Our Nieces and Nephews by Nathan & Megan Howe
Our Church Family by Nathan & Megan Howe
Our UMCB Staff Team by Nathan & Megan Howe
Our six Children & their Families by Ellen Oakley
My Family by Barbara Peterson
My Church Family by Barbara Peterson
Barbara Peterson by Her Children
Pastor Nathan & Pastor Carrie by Sara Phillips
David G. Proctor with love by Margaret Proctor
Carrie Antczak by Margaret Proctor
Megan and Nathan Howe by Margaret Proctor
Dr. Barbara MacGregor by Margaret Proctor
Mark Williams by Margaret Proctor
Courtney Popp and Choir by Margaret Proctor
My Family & Friends by Sue Rollins
My Grandchildren - Logan Amelia, Lucas by Sue Rollins
Our Son, Brian Rowland by Dean & Lin Rowland
Our Granddaughter, Skylar Rowland
by Dean & Lin Rowland
Beloved Father & Grandfather, David Proctor
by Carol Stepancik
Barbara & Jim Szabo by Judy & Chet Talarczyk
Pastor Carrie & Jason Antczak by Judy & Chet Talarczyk
Lin & Dean Rowland by Judy & Chet Talarczyk
Amanda & Emily Kurtz by Judy & Chet Talarczyk
Patty Worthem by Judy & Chet Talarczyk
Jim Sacco by Judy & Chet Talarczyk
Nancy Schillace by Judy & Chet Talarczyk
Susan Pogue by Judy & Chet Talarczyk

To the Glory of God:

By Greg Rentsch



<p>Sunday, April 4, 2021</p> <p>Easter Day</p>	<p><i>Acts 10.34-43</i></p> <p><i>Psalms 118.1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839)</i></p> <p><i>1 Corinthians 15.1-11</i></p> <p><i>John 20.1-18 or Mark 16.1-8</i></p>	<p><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></p> <p>The claim in 1 Corinthians 15 is a creed, a statement of faith: Christ died, was buried, was raised, and appeared to many disciples and finally to Paul who affirms that “by the grace of God I am what I am” (v. 10). Where is God’s grace evident in your life today? What is the impact of resurrection for the way you are living?</p>
<p>Sunday, April 11, 2021</p> <p>Second Sunday of Easter</p>	<p><i>Acts 4.32-35</i></p> <p><i>Psalms 133 (UMH 850)</i></p> <p><i>1 John 1.1-2.2</i></p> <p><i>John 20.19-31</i></p>	<p><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></p> <p>Through what practices do you open yourself to be surprised by the presence of the risen Christ? Are there times when your questions and doubts grow deeper? Are there times when your faith is strengthened and renewed? What might you learn through that variety of experiences?</p>
<p>Sunday, April 18, 2021</p> <p>Third Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Native American Ministries Sunday</p>	<p><i>Acts 3.12-29</i></p> <p><i>Psalms 4 (UMH 741)</i></p> <p><i>1 John 3.1-7</i></p> <p><i>Luke 24.36b-48</i></p>	<p><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></p> <p>When Jesus appeared to the disciples, “he opened their minds to understand the scriptures” (Luke 24.45). How does understanding feed your faith? In the coming week, take note of one new understanding that comes to you from something you hear or read or realize through another person.</p>
<p>Sunday, April 25, 2021</p> <p>Fourth Sunday of Easter</p>	<p><i>Acts 4.5-12</i></p> <p><i>Psalms 23 (UMH 754 or 137)</i></p> <p><i>1 John 3.16-24</i></p> <p><i>John 10.11-18</i></p>	<p><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></p> <p>What does it mean to lay down our lives for one another (cf. 1 John 3.16)? Think about those who have been “good shepherds” in your life, sharing the love and showing the way of Jesus Christ. Who has shown you hospitality and grace, making a place at the table for you, even when you felt surrounded by enemies? How have you done these things for others?</p>

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, April 4):

Holy God, I am full of thanks for a night of rest and for this new day and all that now awaits me. I go forward toward encounters with family and friends, work and play, and all that will bring me into contact with others, confident that you are with me. Lead and guide me in the way of a resurrected life. Help me to notice the risen Lord today. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, April 4):

Holy God, you are my comfort at the end of the day as at its beginning. You pull me toward the goodness you desire. I give you thanks for all that has come my way, and I ask your enveloping power to watch over me throughout this night. Give rest to all your people. Wherever there is pain or struggle, may your grace bring peace. Amen.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, April 11):

God of light, I praise you for the gift of this new day. By the power of your Holy Spirit, enable me to live in your light and to seek the holy fellowship of my neighbors and of Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Evening Prayer (Sunday, April 11):

Be with me, Lord Jesus, at the evening of this day. Enter into my heart and fill it with your peace, that I may rejoice and rest in your presence. Amen.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, April 18):

God of surprising revelations, I thank you for rest and renewal. I thank you that when you come to your people, you speak peace and invite faith in you. Give me ears to hear your will for me, hands that are open to others, and senses to perceive the beauty in your world; in Jesus' name, Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, April 18):

For all that has happened this day, O God, I give you thanks. Even for the challenges I faced, I thank you. Now give me rest, secure in your never-failing arms. Let my dreams center in what is pleasing and good, bringing me to a new day with thanksgiving. Amen.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, April 25):

Good shepherd, walk beside me through the joy and trouble of this day, and lead me in right paths for your name's sake. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, April 25):

Good shepherd, remain with me in the dark and stillness of this night, and let me lie down in safety. Restore my soul. Amen.



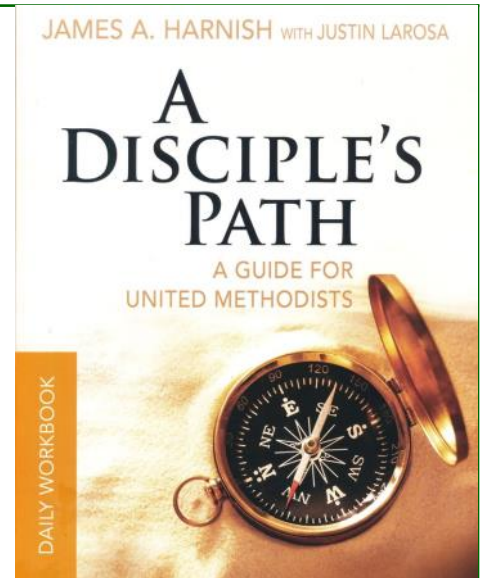
A DISCIPLE'S PATH: RECONNECTING WITH YOUR FAITH JOURNEY

Have you been connecting with our church over the course of this unique time and are wondering, what's next? How can I become more involved with this congregation - or what is my next step in discipleship?

Members who would like to "begin again" or recommit to their discipleship, as well as new and old friends, are invited to consider joining us for an upcoming faith formation group that will help us all reconnect to our discipleship. The main goal is to encourage you to continue in your discipleship "path" wherever that may lead.

This group will meet virtually for the comfort and safety of everyone. If you are interested, please let us know and we'll add you to our list of friends who would like to do this together. We'll then send out a survey asking for your availability in terms of time and days. We hope to begin in late spring.

If there's any other way we can be of support to your faith journey, please share your ideas and needs. We're here to listen and support you!



TEACHING & LEARNING TOGETHER



Griefshare Support Group

NEW PARTICIPANTS WELCOME!

NEW SESSION BEGINNING
TUESDAY, APRIL 20
VIA ZOOM

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

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

We are still enjoying our studies. Anyone is welcome to join us on Thursday at 6:30 PM. We are starting a new book on April 8.

You're Loved No Matter What by Holley Gerth

As women, we tend to think that if we could only get our act together, life would be perfect. But you're not supposed to be perfect. You're supposed to be human. And humans are messy, flawed, glorious, and deeply loved. It's time to start living fully instead of just trying not to fail

For more information, please contact

Mary Lynn Swartz at 440-409-5931
or marylynn482@gmail.com.



Children's Ministry News

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School lessons continue to be sent home by email - let Pastor Carrie know if you'd like to be added to the list (see contact info below). The wonderful blessing about Sunday School at home is that friends can participate from near and far!

The Children's Ministry team is also considering hosting a completely outdoor Vacation Bible School in July. Before planning though, we'd like to know what volunteers may feel comfortable in helping us do so. If you think you'd like to help, and would feel comfortable doing so, please contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x 105.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS APRIL 18, 5PM

Our youth are excited to be serving Nehemiah Mission June 21-25! Their next meeting for planning is April 18 (TBD shortly) at 5 pm. There is still time to join us as either a youth, young adult, or adult chaperone. Stay tuned for fundraising opportunities you can support.

Contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x 105 for more information.

Youth are also helping to plan and participate in the Creation Justice event on April 25.

See **page 13** for details.

MESSY CHURCH - "BEGIN AGAIN"

MAY 16, 4-6 PM - REGISTER STARTING APRIL 15



There is so much to "begin again" with fresh eyes and renewed spirits. Messy Church is celebrating our chance to "begin again"! Register (beginning April 15) for our first Messy Church of 2021, happening May 16 from 4-6 PM. Participating families will receive a time slot to join us outside as we journey through the story of Noah's Arc and discovery that even when life is messy, God doesn't give up on creation. We'll be sure to have all the messy fun in a safe way.

To register or volunteer to help, contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x 105.

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN

It is a challenge to think what words to use as a prayer. Remembering the words of a hymn can help. Fanny Crosby was one of our most helpful writers. "Take my life and let it be concentrated Lord to Thee" and "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine" sum up Fanny's faith.

Let us pray for God's "echoes of mercy".

Jo Swanson



Read & Grow Book Discussion Group

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).

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.

MAY 10

The Lost Girls of Paris by Pam Jenoff

A remarkable story of friendship and courage centered around three women and a ring of female secret agents during World War II.

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.



CELEBRATE GOD'S CREATION SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 10AM - NOON AND SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021

To honor God's Creation, we will celebrate all His wonderful works and learn about climate justice on Festival of God's Creation Sunday at UMCB on April 25. Learn from our pastors and each other about why climate change affects all living things - animals, plants and people - and how we can be mindful about our daily activities to act as stewards of God's creation. See page 13 for more information and an opportunity to participate. An outdoor activity will also be held that day in the afternoon. (Details to come.)

We will also work with Sustainable Berea for a clean-up in Berea on Saturday, April 17. Join us from 10AM-Noon. More details will be provided in the coming weeks.

We hope you will join us in celebrating God's glorious creations, participate in a project to help the local community and be inspired to explore nature and be caretakers of this place we all call home, Earth.

Submitted by Wendy Jelinek for the Festival of God's Creation 2021 planning team



CREATION Care

CREATION CARE FESTIVAL

APRIL 25

Plants and Animals and People are being affected by **CLIMATE CHANGE**, especially climate warming. Please make a picture or sculpture of something being affected by CLIMATE CHANGE that we can show at our CREATION CARE FESTIVAL on April 25. **Take a picture of your creation** and send it to Wendy Jelinek (snowleopard7001@yahoo.com) by **April 15**.

Here is an some examples of changes in our environment in Ohio that are hurting our native plants and animals to get you started:

VERNAL POOLS (temporary spring ponds) are being filled in to build houses and drought conditions made worse by Climate Change dry them up, too. Plants and trees around the vernal pool may be destroyed, too! Some animals that are hurt might be SALAMANDERS, FROGS, DRAGONFLIES, and

- ❖ Ice packs and glaciers melting
- ❖ Oceans rising
- ❖ More droughts and bigger deserts
- ❖ More hurricanes
- ❖ Stronger but fewer blizzards
- ❖ Spring coming sooner
- ❖ Winter coming later
- ❖ Bigger rainstorms causing flooding and erosion and mudslides
- ❖ More diseases from insects and ticks
- ❖ Less food for birds and other animals and forest homes
- ❖ Wetlands and lakes and streams drying up

FAIRY SHRIMP. Look for these little pools as you drive through the Cleveland Metroparks and listen for chorus frogs and spring peeper frogs at night.

How is CLIMATE CHANGE in other parts of Ohio and the World being affected by some of these effects of CLIMATE CHANGE?

Choose your favorite plant or animals and make a drawing, painting or sculpture of it to share. You may also use google to find a great picture. In a few sentences, share how climate change is affecting your favorite part of God's Creation. Send both your picture and short description.

Thanks, and may God bless our work to protect and care of Creation!

Here are some extra places for kids AND adults to look for information and ideas:

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/science/article/climate-change>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=adiTVJSxqM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-D Np-3dVBQ>

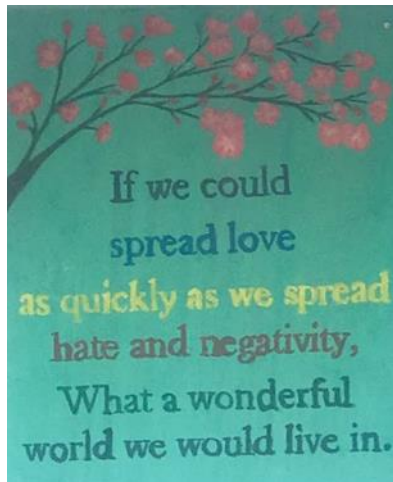
<https://climatekids.nasa.gov/climate-change-meaning/>



VIRTUAL JOURNEY TO CAMBODIA
 SATURDAYS, APRIL 17, 24, AND MAY 1
 8:30 AM TO 10 AM

Since January 2017, we have been cultivating relationships with the people of the Methodist Church in Cambodia through our United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries. We have taken two trips there, in January 2017 and January 2019, and for the past couple of years have been supporting university students through financial scholarships.

On three consecutive Saturday mornings, April 17, 24, and May 1, you are invited to join us for a virtual journey to Cambodia, joining with others to discover the wonderful ways God is working in Cambodia, to learn more about their history, and to interact with their young people. Each day, we will meet via Zoom, and participants will receive daily trip updates by email before and throughout the journey.



Please contact Pastor Nathan
 (nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101)
 with any questions or to sign up.

COMMUNITY

EQUAL EXCHANGE

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

Unable to come to the church?

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





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. Please note "food pantry" on the description line. Thank you for supporting this effort.



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SPRING FLING

APRIL 17, 10AM - 2PM, UMCB PARKING LOT
(On the porch in inclement weather)



Please join us for the Spring Fling! We will be offering:

- *Gift Certificates for J&J Nursery (26240 Folley Road, Columbia Station), \$16.00 each
- *Homegrown "Indoor" Plant Sale
- *Grand Pacific Popcorn Co. - Depot Delight, Garlic Parmesan and Lemon Pound Cake Popcorn!

All sales will benefit UMW Local Missions.

Please contact **Carol McCleery**, mcmanistee7250@gmail.com
or **440-234-9078**, with any questions.

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MISSION OF THE MONTH - HANSON HOUSE

Hanson House Traumatic Brain Injury Clubhouse is the 1st program in Ohio based upon the true Clubhouse model of community re-entry for people with traumatic brain injury. Currently, Hanson House reaches 200+ people in northern Ohio. A smaller group, in Berea, is intensively engaged in weekly services.

Hanson House assists in recovery and relearning habits and routines of daily living. Peers and community volunteers help develop skills to foster independent living. Marketable skills are used for employment or volunteer opportunities in the community.

Our church provides a safe and comfortable haven for Hanson House meetings, activities, and programs. Hanson House has been an active participant in UMW's Craft/Mission event. They have graciously provided an information table, gift basket, and opportunities for outreach. Hanson House has received a portion (1/3) of all profits from UMW's gift basket auction, averaging \$300/year.

Hanson House empowers those with TBI to enhance personal growth, community involvement and independence.

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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:

