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PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

MAY 30, 2021

Pentecost celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit calling for God's shalom. Peace with Justice witnesses to God's demand for a faithful, just, disarmed, and secure world.

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Peace with Justice Sunday is one of six Special Sunday offerings in The United Methodist Church. Our gifts support ministries in the annual conference and around the world. This quadrennial we have received \$694,542, making it possible to plant new seeds of peace with justice in God's garden of creation.

For example in Mindanao, part of the Philippines Annual Conference, a group of men is providing a sustainable source of organic, healthy foods for the surrounding community through organic agricultural practices.

In Adamawa State in northeastern Nigeria, the Peace with Justice garden looks like youth who are recovering from substance abuse. Through education and rehabilitation, youth are encouraged to lead healthier lives, while addressing underlying situations that lead to addiction.

The Peace with Justice garden in New Orleans looks like laundry services for women who are experiencing homelessness. The Amanzi Women's Ministry at Peoples United Methodist Church offers free laundry services, opportunities for spiritual growth, coaching in simple life skills and other educational opportunities. Their children have a safe, fun place to play.

On Peace with Justice Sunday, United Methodists support programs like these. Half of the offering goes to Peace with Justice ministries in the annual conference. The remainder assists the General Board of Church and Society for its Peace with Justice efforts.

Learn more at www.umcjustice.org/what-we-care-about/peace-with-justice and please consider giving generously in support of Peace with Justice Sunday.

CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING



Worship Opportunities

**Sundays at 8 AM, beginning May 2
In-person in the Sanctuary**

(face masks and physical distancing required.)

Sundays at 11 AM

Online and In-person in the Sanctuary

(face masks and physical distancing required.)

Online at www.facebook.com/umcberea/videos

By phone : dial 1-888-788-0099

Meeting id 961 8451 9312

Morning Prayer

Mondays through Fridays at 9AM, Online,
Meeting ID: 518 014 483; Passcode: 170

Evening Prayer

**Wednesdays at 7PM, On the North lot,
beginning May 5**

All are welcome to join us for this mid-week opportunity to center in prayer, scripture, and our community with one another. Bring a lawn chair, wear your face masks, and join us on the lawn at the north end of our church building every Wednesday at 7 PM (weather-permitting).

Virtual Fellowship Hour

Sundays immediately following the 11AM worship service

Online via Zoom: meeting id 878 1505 0844, passcode 775348.

By phone: 1-888-788-0099, passcode 775348.

Christian Formation Opportunities

Christian formation opportunities are available for persons of all ages and at all stages of the discipleship journey. For more information, see pages 7-8 or contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525x105.

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.

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.

You can reach the church office by email (ebarner@umcb.org), by leaving a voicemail on the church office phone (440-234-3525 x100) or by calling 440-710-4498 (Beth's home office phone). All messages will be answered during office hours (9AM-3PM weekdays).

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

- | | |
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| Bruce Akins | Joyce McGee |
| Molly Arthur | Betty Miller |
| Betty Atherton | Rev. Cal Myers |
| Barbara Beihl | Donna O'Brien |
| Heidi Blue | Mary Potts |
| Carol Bodle | Donald Powers |
| Jean Brenneison | Lou Russell |
| Karen Caldwell | Russ Sanderson |
| Cleda Fletcher | 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)
- 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)
- Josh Lambert (grandson of Corky Cline)
- Ben Lebrun
- Zachary New (grandson of Bob & Jackie King)

WE REACH OUT IN

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND LOVE...

- ... to the family and friends of Esther O'Hearn, who went on to rest in God's eternal peace on April 2, 2021.
- .. to the family and friends Martha Collier, who went on to rest in God's eternal peace on April 1, 2021.
- ... to Verlaine Anderson and her family on the passing of her brother, Harry Harris, who went on to rest in God's eternal peace in March 26, 2021.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- Debbie and Augie (parents of Stacey Antczak)
- Annette (friend of Phil Gehring)
- Joshua Baker (grandson of Nancy Best)
- Marc Bittering
- 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)
- Susan Davidson (sister of Robert Haas)
- 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).



CONNECTING... WELCOMING

TUESDAY MORNING WALKS



TUESDAYS
7:30 AM

MEET IN THE WALLACE LAKE PARKING LOT

It's always a joy to get outside and get moving. It's also a great way to care for the bodies God has given us and to experience God's presence in creation.

All are welcome to join us on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 AM. We meet in the parking lot by Wallace Lake and head out on the all-purpose trail that runs beside Valley Parkway.

Join us any week!

SUNDAY AFTERNOON HIKE

SUNDAY, MAY 23

4 PM, ROCKY RIVER NATURE CENTER

Enjoy the beauty of God's creation!

All are welcome to join us for a hike on the trails near the Rocky River Nature Center on Sunday, May 23. We will begin our walk from the Nature Center at 4 PM.

If you plan to join us, please RSVP by the end of the day on Thursday, May 20 to Pastor Nathan at **440-234-3525 x100** or nhowe@umcb.org.



TEACHING & LEARNING TOGETHER



MAY 16, 4-6 PM
REGISTER BY MAY 10

There is so much to "begin again" with fresh eyes and renewed spirits. Messy Church is celebrating our chance to "begin again"! Register by May 10 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 Ark 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**.



The Children's Ministry team is excited to host a completely outdoor Vacation Bible School in July. This year, we're going to where the kids are! VBS will be held Monday evenings in July at a local playground. This VBS alternative is just half an hour! Kids and parents or caregivers will enjoy a short Bible story, craft, and game, and be sent home with a snack. Volunteers are needed to help with each 10-minute activity. Can't help every Monday? No problem! You can sign up for one time or more!

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**.

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| <p>Sunday, May 2, 2021</p> <p>Fifth Sunday of Easter</p> | <p><i>Acts 8.26-40</i></p> <p><i>Psalms 22.25-31 (UMH 752)</i></p> <p><i>1 John 4.7-21</i></p> <p><i>John 15.1-8</i></p> | <p><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></p> <p>Jesus says that “whatever you wish...it will be done for you” (John 15.7). Spend some time in the next day or so asking yourself at deeper levels what you most wish for in life. Then, ask God for it.</p> |
| <p>Sunday, May 9, 2021</p> <p>Sixth Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Festival of the Christian Home</p> | <p><i>Acts 10.44-48</i></p> <p><i>Psalms 98 (UMH 818)</i></p> <p><i>1 John 5.1-6</i></p> <p><i>John 15.9-17</i></p> | <p><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></p> <p>In our Gospel lesson this week, Jesus speaks of his extreme love for us, calls us his friends, and says that he makes known to us everything he hears from God. How does thinking of Christ as our friend affect our daily living?</p> |
| <p>Sunday, May 16, 2021</p> <p>Ascension Sunday</p> | <p><i>Acts 1.1-11</i></p> <p><i>Psalms 47 (UMH 781)</i></p> <p><i>Ephesians 1.15-23</i></p> <p><i>Luke 24.44-53</i></p> | <p><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></p> <p>The ascension of Christ is a grand liturgical celebration in our life together as church. It marks forty days of celebrating Easter and God’s triumph over the powers of oppression, depressions, and fear. How does your image of an ascended Christ affect your understanding of who he is?</p> |
| <p>Sunday, May 23, 2021</p> <p>Pentecost</p> <p>Heritage Sunday</p> | <p><i>Acts 2.1-21</i></p> <p><i>Psalms 104.24-34, 35b (UMH 826)</i></p> <p><i>Romans 8.22-27</i></p> <p><i>John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15</i></p> | <p><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></p> <p>In this coming week, consider how many ways and through which persons you are shown a new path for your life. Watch for startling nudges or surprising epiphanies; listen for signals so you can hear the Spirit’s guidance. What do you learn as you listen more deeply? For what and how can you give thanks?</p> |
| <p>Sunday, May 30, 2021</p> <p>Trinity Sunday</p> <p>Peace with Justice Sunday</p> | <p><i>Isaiah 6:1-8</i></p> <p><i>Psalm 29 (UMH 761)</i></p> <p><i>Romans 8:12-17</i></p> <p><i>John 3:1-17</i></p> | <p><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></p> <p>Jesus invites us to be born anew, into a more abundant and fuller life. Salvation is understood as a present reality in the Gospel of John. How might a simple practice of building gratitude increase your sense of God’s presence? How might you practice gratitude more fully today in this week?</p> |

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, May 2):

God of all beginnings, you bring a new day,
and you promise to journey with me
through its hours.
I thank you for the breath and strength I have,
and I ask your help that I may use my powers wisely
and with compassion toward everyone I meet.
Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, May 2):

Jesus, in this night of rest,
heal my broken places and restore my faith.
You are my fine; in you, I am strong enough
to live in this world faithfully.
I thank you for the safe of my home
and pray for those who have no bed tonight.
In your name, Amen.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, May 9):

Holy One, I begin this day breathing in your love.
Keep me mindful of all the marvelous things
you are doing around and within me today.
Help me to feel my friendship with Jesus
and his confidence in me.
By your grace and with your strength,
may I bear the fruit of Christ's love today.
Amen.

Evening Prayer (Sunday, May 9):

God, you are both judge and friend.
Even as I review my day,
I give it over to you.
I let go of the good, the bad, the in-between,
trusting in your care.
I am content this night to abide in your love.
I breathe in your joy and your peace.
Amen.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, May 16):

Holy One, come into my heart this morning
and give me a heart to perceive throughout this day
all the ways that you reign.
Put your resurrecting power to work in my life
and empower me to be a witness to Christ,
that my life may be a song of thanksgiving to you.
Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, May 16):

God, embrace me now at this end of this day.
As in every day, there have been ups and downs,
joys and disappointments.
I thank you for my faith that, above it all,
you remain with me.
I put my trust in you as I give this day to you.
Through Jesus Christ, who reigns, Amen.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, May 23):

God of newness and delight,
you greet your world again with light and life.
I awaken to your presence behind, before,
beneath, above, and within me.
I thank you for another day.
Let me be a peacemaker today
in all my relationships, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, May 23):

Good and Holy One,
you have led me through this day
to a time when I can close my eyes and dream.
I thank you for the people you have sent
my way today,
for the work I have had to do,
for the food, shelter, and safety you have given.
Amen.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, May 30):

Life-giving God, awaken me to your
threefold presence
in the world this day
that I may share your love with others
as freely as you have done for us in Christ.
Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, May 30):

God, I give thanks for the gifts of this day,
and above all, for the gift of your love
made known to me in Christ.
How grateful I am that by your love
I am counted as a precious member of your family.
Mere words cannot convey
the wonder of your love. Amen.



COMMISSION ON THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN

Leotine Turpeau Current Kelly the first African American women elected bishop in the UM church. Kelly was first woman elected bishop of any major Christian denomination. She served as bishop in the Western jurisdiction and served until her retirement in 1988.

Submitted by Jo Swanson

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THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
MONDAY, MAY 10, 6:30 - 8 PM, 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, May 10, from 6:30- 8 PM to participate in the 2020-2021 Read & Grow Book Group (on Zoom until the building is open for meetings).

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.

MAY 17

Fellowship & Planning

We will meet to plan our 2021-2022. Time, Place, Event, will be determined as COVID regulations allow. Watch for details as time comes closer.

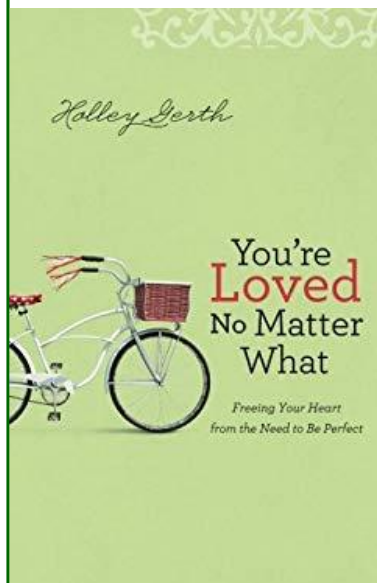
Each month's discussion is led by a different member of the group. If you have questions, please call **Janet Mallarnee** at 440-235-7331, **Betsy Meikle** at 440-243-5767, or **Jan Harlamert** at 440-243-7126.

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

We are still enjoying our studies. Anyone is welcome to join us on Thursdays at 6:30 PM. We are currently studying **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.



Learn more about the author, Holly Gerth, and her books at holleygerth.com.



**YOUTH WORK
MISSION**
MAY 23, 5PM

Our youth are excited to be serving Nehemiah Mission June 21-25! 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.

NEW PARTICIPANTS WELCOME!
TUESDAYS, VIA ZOOM

Griefshare Support Group

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

TEACHING ...



EQUAL EXCHANGE

Equal Exchange items will be available for purchase on **Wednesday, May 5** 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.

COMMUNITY

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.





SHARING GOD'S LOVE



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.

May’s Loose Change Offering will support

Berea Community Meal.

In cooperation with St. Paul’s Lutheran and other Berea churches, they offer community members a free meal on the last Wednesday of each month.

Each month, you can support by either mailing in an offering, or donating electronically at www.umcb.org/donate using the “other” box and marking it “loose change offering”.



Cambodia - *Your purchase of Easter butterflies supports Shine Project, a new ministry to empower and offer vocational training, education, and leadership development for young women in Cambodia. Through your generosity, participants will pursue their dreams while being encouraged to view themselves through the eyes of God. Thank you! - Pastor Nathan*

Guatemala - *The Butterflies are a creative means for our church to support them in their agricultural and nutrition programs. For this alone, the women are profoundly grateful.* - Cindie Moore, U.S. Liaison to the Association of Mam Christian Women for Development

Thanks to your amazing generosity, \$4230 will be shared with our partners in Cambodia and Guatemala.



MISSION OF THE MONTH - UMW LEGACY FUND



On March 23, 1869, in Boston, Massachusetts, 6 women members of the Methodist Episcopal Church learned of the desperate health care and educational needs of women in India. Their “Call to Action” raised enough money to send a teacher and a doctor to India. This meeting led to the formation of the Women’s Missionary society, the first of many Methodist women’s missions. Today, in 2021, as United Methodist Women, we celebrate over 150 years of changing the lives of women, children, and youth.

The Legacy Fund, established in 2017, is a permanently invested endowment. This source of income will enable UMW to offer scholarships and grants, coordinate work with mission personnel, and upgrade communication and technology.

Berea UMW recently donated \$150 to the Legacy Fund. Our offering will help provide compassionate care and support that heals, empowers, and restores the lives of women, children, and youth for years to come.



Together, we are building our legacy

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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:

