

No, UMCB didn't just sell 1,000,000 records or color our hair with Loreal #205. We were recognized recently as a Platinum Sponsor of Church Street Ministries/Second Mile Outreach.

Our generous financial donation, weekly food collection, UMW's shelf sponsorship, and numerous donations assist CSM/SMO in responding to our community's needs. Each month, over 1600 individuals make use of the food pantry. CSM/SMO is the 3rd largest partner with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, continuing to address food insecurity in the Cleveland area. CSM/SMO also works with the VA, to provide furniture and household items to homeless veterans who are transitioning to more stable housing.

Our Platinum Status includes 50 coupons (each for 30% off at the Second Mile shop). Looking for dorm furnishings? Setting up an apartment? Need a unique curio? Why not shop locally?

To get your coupons or to be an individual sponsor, please contact **Carol McCleery** at **440-234-9078** or **mcmanistee7250@gmail.com**. And, as always, thank you for your generosity and support.



Clockwise from top left: Receiving donations for the food pantry, CSM food pantry operations, The Executive Director outside the thrift shop, A local army veteran who was recently supported, and inside the thrift shop.

Thank you to Ann Over, Board President Church Street Ministries/Second Mile Outreach, for providing these photos.











UMW CIRCLE **MEETINGS**

We will resume our Circle Meetings on September 15, 2021.

Ouestions? Please Contact UMW President Betsy Miekle at meiklebetsvi@iuno.com or 440-243-5767.



UMW FALL FAIR October 9, 2021

Hosted by the United Methodist Women, the Fall Fair will feature Crafts, Limited Garage Sale Finds, Popcorn and Plants!

Many more details to follow!

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2021 GATHER TO BE ALIVE IN CHRIST IS IDENTIFIABLE THIS ONE THING - THE ABILITY IND JOY IN THE MIDST OF GRIEF REV. CARRIE ANTCZAK CE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH For a full report on this year's session of the annual conference including links to photos and videos, Visit https://eocumcnews.com/2021/06/19/east-ohioannual-conference-2021-christ-alive-in-us/.



DINNER FOR EIGHT CONVERSATIONAL **GROUPS NOW FORMING**

Dinner for Eight is а conversational dinner group bringing together people who like home cooking, meeting new people, and good conversation.

Within a calendar year, you and one other person would be responsible for preparing and hosting one dinner for six other people from the master list. You would also be asked to attend three dinners in that time period, bringing a side dish to share which have vou prearranged with your host or hostess.

The master list of participants is being compiled now. Everyone is welcome.

If you are interested, please contact Molly Force at molly.o.force@gmail.com or 440-888-8417 or Karen Caldwell at 440-826-0118.



Worship Opportunities

Sunday Morning Services 8 AM, In-person in the Sanctuary

10:30 AM, In-person in the Sanctuary Online at <u>www.facebook.com/umcberea/</u>

<u>videos</u> By phone: dial 1-888-788-0099, Meeting id 961 8451 9312

Bulletins to guide your participation can be found at <u>www.umcb.org/</u> <u>worshipresources</u>. This week's service will be available to view later on our Facebook page.

- For those who are fully vaccinated, facemasks
- and physical distancing are optional.Those who are not yet vaccinated are expected
- Those who are not yet vacchated are expected to protect themselves and others
 by wearing facemasks and physically distancing
- by wearing facemasks and physically distancing from members of other households.
- If you are ill or experiencing symptoms, please stay home and worship with us online.

Morning Prayer Mondays through Fridays at 9Ам Online via Zoom: Meeting ID: 518 014 483;

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Passcode: 170 Fellowship Opportunities

Virtual Fellowship Hour Sundays immediately following the 10:30AM worship service

Online via Zoom: meeting id 878 1505 0844, passcode 775348. By phone: 1-888-788-0099, passcode 775348.

Tuesday Morning Walks Tuesdays at 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.

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

Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests

Please contact **Pastor Nathan** at <u>nhowe@umcb.org</u> 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 <u>www.umcb.org/worshipresources</u>.

Christian Formation Opportunities

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Christian formation opportunities are available for persons of all ages and at all stages of the discipleship journey. For more information, **see pages 4-6** or contact **Pastor Carrie** at **cantczak@umcb.org** or **440-234-3525x105**.

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Alternative Ways To Give

Whether or not you are comfortable coming back to in-person gatherings, your participation in our ministries through your prayers and gifts remain essential to our ministries. You are invited to give anytime online (<u>www.umcb.org/donate</u>) or by mailing checks to the church office. If you are worshiping with us in person, offering plates are located inside the back wall of the Sanctuary. Through whatever means that you give, thank you for your generosity and ongoing commitment to making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS

Bruce Akins Molly Arthur Betty Atherton Barbara Beihl Heidi Blue Carol Bodle Cleda Fletcher Jan Harlamert Carol Heskett Jan Heter Larry Jelinek Michelle Lawrence Joyce McGee Betty Miller Rev. Cal Myers Donna O'Brien Mary Potts Donald Powers Lin & Dean Rowland Lou Russell Russ Sanderson Jo Swanson Carol Thompson Kathleen Wargelin Sam Weaver

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)

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Debbie and Augie (parents of Stacey Antczak) Annette (friend of Phil Gehring) Joshua Baker (grandson of Nancy Best) The Beck Family (family of the Brenniesons) Marc Bittinger 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** Chet Talarczyk (husband of Judy Talarczyk)

MEMBERS AT HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Shirley Bedford (Independence Village) Ann Benson (Western Reserve-Medina) Jack Irey (Renaissance) 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 the Family & Friends of Al Wheaton who went on to rest in God's eternal peace on May 27, 2021.

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

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

Prayer Requests can also be submitted online at www.umcb.org/worshipresources.

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Effective June 7, 2021

Beth Barner, Office Manager

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday 9AM –3PM Working from home 9AM –3PM 9AM –3PM Working from home

Email <u>ebarner@umcb.org</u> Office Phone **440-234-3525 x100** Work Cell **440-710-4498**

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Email <u>nhowe@umcb.org</u> Office Phone **440-234-3525 x101**

Pastor Carrie Antczak Office Hours varying based on need

Email <u>cantczak@umcb.org</u> Office Phone **440-234-3525 x105**

If your business requires a visit to the church, it may be helpful to call in advance to ensure the staff member you wish to see will be available.

Out of an abundance of caution and for the continued protection of all, visitors to the staff offices are required to wear face masks and practice safe distancing. Masks will be provided for those who do not have them.

> Thank you in advance for your understanding.



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.

July's Loose Change Offering will support Heifer International. Heifer International works with communities to increase income, improve nutrition, care for the Earth, and world hunger and poverty. Visit <u>www.heifer.org</u> to learn more.

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

Photo taken from <u>https://www.heifer.org/what-you-can-do/get-involved/</u> <u>faith/index.html</u>.

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Sunday, July 4, 2021 Sixth Sunday After Pentecost *There will be no Communion*	2 Samuel 5.1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48 (UMH 782) 2 Corinthians 12.2-10 Mark 6.1-13	For Reflection and Conversation: Jesus charges the disciples to be vulnerable as he sends them out. The apostle Paul says that he embraces his vulnerability, "for whenever I am week, then I am strong." In what ways might God be calling you to be vulnerable today?
Sunday, July 11, 2021 Seventh Sunday After Pentecost *Communion will be served.*	2 Samuel 6.1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 24 (UMH 755) Ephesians 1.3-14 Mark 6.14-29	For Reflection and Conversation: The readings for this week suggest a comparison between the exuberant dancing of David and Paul's enthusiastic description of our Christian calling. How do you know which present-day occasions to celebrate with all your might and which to speak out against and resist?
Sunday, July 18, 2021 Eighth Sunday After Pentecost	2 Samuel 7.1-14a Psalm 89.20-37 (UMH 807) Ephesians 2.11-22 Mark 6.30-34, 53-56	For Reflection and Conversation: God promised to build King David into a "house." Paul told the Ephesians that in Christ they would be built into "a dwelling place for God." How is the Holy Spirit living in you today?
Sunday, July 25, 2021 Nineth Sunday After Pentecost	2 Samuel 11.1-15 Psalm 14 (UMH 746) Ephesians 3.14-21 John 6.1-21	<i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i> How is Christ feeding you today? How are you being invited to help feed others?

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, July 4): Fire of life, thank you for bring me safely through the night. As this new day dawns, let me receive it as a gift and a blessing. Open my mind and senses to be fully awake to you. Attune my body to the rhythms of the day so I can love and serve others as you guide me. Remind me that in life and in death I belong to you. Amen.	Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, July 4): Holy One, I lift my evening prayer as shadows cover me and night sounds come from hidden places. But darkness is not dark to you, so I ask that you hear my prayers and see me through the night. Forgive my unholiness; reconcile me by your grace. For the sake of the risen Christ, this night grant me peace. Amen.
Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, July 11):	Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, July 11):
Creator of light,	Faithful God, where I am now
I greet you as the morning dawns.	the earth is turning away from the sun
Thank you for this new day.	so that for other parts of the world,
May it be for me a sign and anticipation	the day is just beginning.
of your coming beloved community.	Thank you for abiding with us
Fill me with the energy I will need	through the day and through the night.
to love all whom I will meet today.	As I gather up my thoughts on this past day,
Receive my mind, body, and spirit	guide my meditation.
as a living sacrifice of thanksgiving	And now, let me find rest in your presence.
for the love you show me in Christ. Amen.	Amen.
Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, July 18): Holy One, Holy Three, I praise you as I awaken. Awaken my body to the wonder of life. Let me see all people as your beloved children. Let me bear witness to your goodness in my words, my actions, and my silences so that you can use me to draw others into your presence. Amen.	Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, July 18): Holy God, thank you for another day. Thank you for all whom I met who showed me your kindness. Help me to turn from all that separates me from you and from others. Let me receive your blessings of forgiveness and share those same blessings with others. May my whole life be an offering of praise and thanksgiving to you. Amen.
<i>Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, July 25):</i>	Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, July 25):
Praise to you, God of the morning and the night.	Holy triune God, thank you for the love
May I be so filled with the Holy Spirit this day	you have shown me today.
that peace and compassion radiate from me	The gifts of air, water, food, and clothing;
to bless others so that they are touched by you.	the gifts of companionship and community;



ECUMENICAL YOUTH GROUP SAVE THE DATE AUGUST 1, 4 PM, WALLACE LAKE

We are so excited to be partnering with other local congregations in creating an awesome youth group experience!

Join us **August 1 at 4 PM at Wallace Lake** for a summer picnic, games, and service project.

Youth Group is for incoming 7th - 12th grade. Grades 4-6 are now welcome to join as well! During the year, tweens will gather with the older students and then break out into their own group.

If you know of a church we haven't connected with yet that might like to join us, please reach out to Pastor Carrie. Regular EYG gatherings will take place the last Sunday of each month beginning in September, here at UMCB.

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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Mondays July 12, 19, & 26, August 2 & 9 6:30-7 pm Parknol Playground 499 Nobottom Road

VBS is here! This year, we're going to where the kids are! VBS will be held Mondays 6:30-7 PM July 12, 19, 26, and August 2 and 9, at Parknol Playground at 499 Nobottom Rd.

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. A few more volunteers are still needed, as well as some donated snacks.

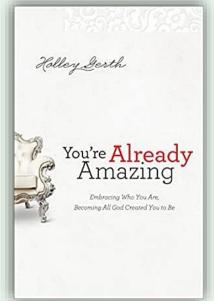
For available volunteer opportunities and snack needs, please contact **Pastor Carrie** at <u>cantczak@umcb.org</u> or **440-234-3525 x 105**.

Women's Study Thursdays, 6:30 pm, via Zoom

We are ending our current study book soon and everyone has voted to continue through the summer ... our next book will be: **You're Already Amazing** by Holley Gerth. Simply put, this book is for every woman. Every woman who feels a crack line somewhere in her heart. Every woman who needs to find her way back to hope, Jesus, and everything she was made to be in Christ.

> Ladies, come join us for a summer filled adventure! You are welcome to join us any time.

For more information, please contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at **440-409-5931 o**r <u>marylynn482@gmail.com</u>.







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Dorothy Height (1912-2010) was a civil rights and women's rights activist who served as president of the National Council of Negro Women for 40 years. She was a key figure in the struggles for voting rights, desegregation and employment opportunities in the 1950s and 60s and, at the same time, was fighting gender bias, much of that work predating the women's rights movement of the early 1970s. She was considered one of the most influential African-American women of the time, though she did much of her work outside the spotlight.

Height was on the platform with Martin Luther King Jr. as he gave his "I Have a Dream" speech and with Barack Obama when he was sworn in as the first African-American president in 2009. In 1989, President Reagan awarded her the Presidential Citizenship Medal. She received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1994 from President Clinton and was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by President George W. Bush in 2004, accepting it "on behalf of millions of people – particularly women – whose work goes unnoticed." After her death, the U.S. Post office near Union Station in Washington, D.C., was named in her honor, the first federal building in the district named for an African-American woman.

Taken from https://gcsrw.org/MonitoringHistory/WomeninUMCHistory.aspx



READ & GROW BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP Monday, August 9, 6:30-8 pm, at The UMCB

We will meet again on Monday August 9 from 6:30-8 PM at the church with COVID guidelines in place. Our book is **Personal Librarian** by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

For further information, please contact **Janet Mallarnee** at **440-235-7331**.



A TEAPOT IN SEARCH OF A HOME

The display in the Parlor hutch has been changed. There is one teapot without any identifying owner label that needs to be returned (after so many months I can not remember who lent the teapot for display). The teapot is shaped like a rose bud and has colors like a "peace" rose (pink and yellow).

If this belongs to you, please contact **Cass Beckman** at **440-234-4839**.



Homework Helpers

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOMEWORK HELPERS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 22, 4-6 PM

The missions committee is very excited to move forward with this new ministry! With so many children getting behind academically last year, and after assessing the needs and desires of local parents, we'd like to help fill an important need for homework help and tutoring.

Our program will seek to assist families in getting on track academically, and offer an optional faith formation program. On Wednesday evenings, students from kindergarten - high school will arrive between 4 and 4:30 PM, receive an hour of academic help, and then be invited to stay for a half hour of faith formation or devotional time, closing at 6 PM.

THE CALLER

We will need a small village to support these students. Will you consider helping? We need both those with teaching experience and those who can simply run flash cards. We also need a few happy hearts to share the love of God in devotional time. We will assess if kids need tutoring or simply homework help and match their needs with your abilities. The program will run for nine weeks, September 22 - November 17 and again in the spring.

Please fill out the volunteer application at: <u>https://forms.gle/gDBG9hdKXwMaz9ua8</u> Applications for students will be accepted beginning August 1.

Questions? Please contact Pastor Carrie know at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105!

FEED THE KIDS CANCELED, BUT FOR GOOD REASON!

We had hoped to once again participate in the mission to "feed the kids" this summer. Many children depend on the reduced cost or free lunches at school, and are in need of nutritious meals during the summer.

However, we happily learned that the school district will now be providing seven meals a week to all students. So our program will not be needed, at least for this summer.

Stay tuned for other ways we plan to support our community's kids!





American Red Cross Blood Drive Thursday, July 22 1 to 6 pm, Fellowship Hall

Come to give blood and receive one ticket to a Cedar Fair theme park of your choice, while supplies last! To schedule an appointment, visit **RedCrossBlood.org** and enter Sponsor Code: *CedarPoint* or call **1-800-RED-CROSS**.

Come to give July 1-31 and you'll also be automatically entered for a chance to win a trip for four to Cedar Point or Knott's Berry Farm! *Includes travel, hotel, park admission and more! Terms and conditions apply, visit <u>rcblood.org/CedarFair</u> for details.*

EQUAL EXCHANGE JULY 7, 6:30-7 PM AT THE RED DOORS ON SEMINARY STREET

Equal Exchange items will be available for purchase on **Wednesday**, **July 7** and the first Wednesday of each month from **6:30-7 PM** in the **at the Red doors on Seminary Street**.

Unable to come to the church? Contact the **church office** at <u>info@umcb.org</u> or **440-234-3525 x100**. It may be possible to make other arrangements.

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry to care for our planet and our sisters and brothers around the world.



Have you ever noticed the weather forecaster say that for today there is an Air Quality Advisory? Air Quality Advisory days are when air quality levels will be unhealthy for sensitive groups such as children, the elderly and those with breathing difficulties.

What can we do to reduce air pollution especially on the Advisory days? Drive less, don't idle (turn off your engine), refill your gas tank after sunset and wait to mow the lawn.

These small steps can help everyone breath better and care for God's creation. For more information, go to <u>https://www.noaca.org/</u><u>regional-planning/air-quality-planning/air-quality-advisories</u>.

Submitted by Wendy Jelinek Church and Society



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 <u>www.umcb.org/donate</u>. Please note "*food pantry*®on the description line. Thank you for supporting this effort.



See the next page for exciting news from Church Street Ministries, one of the local pantries we support.

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Our Mission

Our mission is to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

