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## SERVING WITH US

As we all reevaluate our priorities and desires for reentering the world, perhaps it's been on your mind on how you want to best use your gifts within the church and community. We've all learned from the pandemic that where we spend our time and energy are precious decisions. We invite you to be in prayer about where God is calling you, and how we can encourage you to answer that calling to serve out of your giftedness.

Here are some, but not all, of the many ways you can serve with us this upcoming season:

### Faith Formation

Class leaders, assistants, attendance trackers, and more. Servant leaders will be essential for children, youth, and adult groups. Can't serve on Sunday? We also have programs during the week and on zoom. If you'd like to work with our children and youth, please complete the Children & Youth Ministry Application at <https://forms.gle/waDjhCVKC5w1bAAS6>.

### Fellowship Ministries

As we begin to eat together again (as us Methodists have been waiting for), leaders who help with food and beverage hospitality will be needed for Sunday mornings. We would also like to continue to offer fun fellowship opportunities at least once a month. If you are the "wouldn't that be fun?" kind of person, we would love to have you help organize these events.

### Welcoming Crew

Perhaps walking up to a new friend is just your style, and helping new folks get acquainted is a gift of yours. We'd love to introduce you to visitors and new members. OR perhaps you're a great behind-the-scenes worker who would be willing to put together visitor gifts. Both sets of gifts serve to show hospitality to our new friends.

### Worship Team

Both traditional and modern worship services would love to have your gifts as we enter into this new season. Whether you are interested in reading Scripture, serving as an usher, sharing music, or caring for the worship space, we'd love to have you join us on the worship team.

### Outreach, Mission, and Justice ministries

From Homework Helpers, our new after school program, to supporting our food pantries, to reaching out to OhioGuidestone, to caring for God's creation - God is on the move here at UMCB! If you're interested in any of these "hands on" ministries that seek to strengthen the Beloved Community, these areas of ministry may be for you.

*Of course, God may be calling you to a new ministry. Please let us know how we can support you.*

For any of these ministry opportunities, contact **Pastor Carrie** ([cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org), 440-234-3525x105) or **Pastor Nathan** ([nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org), 440-234-3525 x101) to be connected with the lay leaders who tend these efforts. Not sure where to serve particularly? We'd love to talk with you about your gifts and graces and help you find just the right spot to serve.



# New WORSHIP TIMES

BEGINNING SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

SUNDAYS AT 9 AM IN THE SANCTUARY AND 11 AM IN WESLEY HALL

Beginning Sunday, August 29, we will offer two in-person worship services on Sundays:

Traditional worship in the Sanctuary at 9 AM

Modern worship in Wesley Hall at 11 AM

*For those who are fully vaccinated, facemasks and physical distancing are optional. Those who are not yet vaccinated are expected to protect themselves and others 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.*

The 9 AM worship service from the Sanctuary will be livestreamed at

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

Bulletins to guide your participation can be found at [www.umcb.org/worshipresources](http://www.umcb.org/worshipresources) The service will be available to view later on our [Facebook page](#).

On **Sunday, September 12**, we will resume fellowship and faith formation classes at **10 AM**.

## MORNING PRAYER CONTINUES

MONDAYS THROUGH FRIDAYS AT 9 AM

ONLINE VIA ZOOM: MEETING ID: 518 014 483; PASSCODE: 170



## MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD: JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

We are combining our Chancel and NEWSingers Choirs to form a **new choir** that will sing during the 9 AM worship service on Sundays in the Sanctuary. The choir rehearses on Thursdays at 7 PM in the Parlor, beginning Thursday, September 9. For more information, please contact Courtney Popp ([cpopp@umcb.org](mailto:cpopp@umcb.org)) or Margaret Proctor ([margaret.proctor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:margaret.proctor@sbcglobal.net)).

The **handbell choir** is always looking for new joyful ringers, and you do not need to have any prior music experience to participate. The handbell choir rehearses on Thursdays at 6 PM in the Sanctuary, beginning Thursday, August 12. For more information, please contact Tori Lero ([tlero@umcb.org](mailto:tlero@umcb.org)).

The **praise band**, which helps to lead our 11 AM worship service in Wesley Hall, always is open to welcoming new singers, joining their voices to help the congregation sing praise to God. For more information, please contact Jeremy Piper ([jeremy@jeremypiper.com](mailto:jeremy@jeremypiper.com)).



## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME! CLEVELAND INDIANS VS. BOSTON RED SOX

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28 AT 4:05 PM AT PROGRESSIVE FIELD

Invite your friends and neighbors and bring the whole family for an afternoon at Progressive Field as the Cleveland Indians take on the Boston Red Sox. Those who would like to carpool from Berea are invited to meet in our parking lot at 3 PM. Tickets are \$25 each, payable to "UMCB," and the deadline to reserve your ticket(s) is Monday, August 23 (or when we run out of tickets).



For more information and to reserve your tickets, contact **Pastor Nathan** at [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x101.

CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON HIKE

AUGUST 22 AT 4 PM AT BRADLEY WOODS

Enjoy the beauty of God's creation, both outdoors and in each other! All are welcome to join us on Sunday, August 22 at 4 PM as we explore Bradley Woods (on Bradley Road in Westlake).

If you plan to join us, please RSVP by the end of the day on **Thursday, August 19** to **Pastor Nathan** at [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x101.



### 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.



Photo taken from <https://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/parks/visit/parks/bradley-woods-reservation>.



## HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

### 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/worshipresources](http://www.umcb.org/worshipresources).

### 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 9-11 or contact **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525x105.

### 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 ([www.umcb.org/donate](http://www.umcb.org/donate)) 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!

### OFFICE FACE MASK POLICY

As an expression of love for our entire community, especially those with compromised immune systems or who are unable to be vaccinated, visitors to the staff offices are required to wear face masks regardless of their vaccination status. Masks will be provided for those who do not have them.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

### STAFF OFFICE HOURS

#### Beth Barner, Office Manager

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

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#### Maryann Herron, Finance & Membership

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Friday	10AM—3PM

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#### Pastor Nathan Howe

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#### Pastor Carrie Antczak

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*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.*



CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER CONCERNS

CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING

**MEMBERS**

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

**MEMBERS AT HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**

- Shirley Bedford (Independence Village)
- Ann Benson (Western Reserve-Medina)
- Jack Irely (Renaissance)
- Janice Kavander
- Mary Lou McKissock (Kemper House, Strongsville)
- Pat Sarka (Wesleyan Village, Elyria)
- Barbara Scoon (Generations)
- Von Smith (Southwest Commons)
- Ruth Vrana (Generations, Strongsville)
- Eva Williamson (Western Reserve-Medina)

**WE REACH OUT IN**

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND LOVE...**

- ... to Paul Harlamert and the Family & Friends of Jan Harlamert who went on to rest in God's eternal peace on June 29, 2021.
- ... to the Family & Friends of Joyce McGee who went on to rest in God's eternal peace on July 12, 2021.
- ... to the Family & Friends of Mary Schillace (ex-mother-in-law of Nancy Schillace) who went on to rest in God's eternal peace on July 10, 2021.
- ... to the Family & Friends of Edna Thomason who went on to rest in God's eternal peace on July 10, 2021.

**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)

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).

Prayer Requests can also be submitted online at [www.umcb.org/worshipresources](http://www.umcb.org/worshipresources).



## 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.

*August's Loose Change Offering will support Messy Church.*

Your nickels and dimes support Messy Church this month! Make a joyful noise by dropping your change in the offering and celebrate with us as we kick off our 4th Messy Church year - leading our community in finding faith and friends in the mess of life. Messy Church reaches out to our community in love and welcome by offering a safe and fun space for folks of all ages to explore faith, friendship, and community. If you're interested in serving with this ministry, please reach out to Pastor Carrie or Carolyn Williams ([weaselstv@msn.com](mailto:weaselstv@msn.com)).

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



## CALLING ALL BALDWIN WALLACE ALUMNI

We are compiling a list of our members who are alumni of Baldwin Wallace University. If you are willing to be included, please email your name, graduation year, and contact information to [info@umcb.org](mailto:info@umcb.org) or call the **church office** at **440-234-3525 x100**. Thank you!

I pen this letter to express my deepest gratitude to the leadership and congregation of The United Methodist Church of Berea. Your words, cards, and support were so kind and very much appreciated during a tough and sad time in the loss of my dear brother, Harry L. Harris.

It was comforting to me as well as the family to know we had so much support from so many people and for that we are eternally grateful.

Again, thank you for being there and for your support. Even though I have moved away, all of you will hold a very special place in my heart.

AGAPE,  
Verlaine Anderson

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

Dear Friends of Church Street Ministries/Second Mile Outreach:

We wish to express our grateful appreciation for your extremely generous donation of \$2,510.00 to Church Street Ministries/Second Mile Veterans Outreach. Your donation supports our mission and allows us to continue responding to the many needs in our community.

Our food pantry remains open three times a week. Each month we average 1,200 individuals utilizing our food pantry-about 20% more people than we served prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. As the third largest partner with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, our goal is to continue to address food insecurity in the greater Cleveland area. In addition, we also work with the VA to provide furniture and household items to homeless veterans who are transitioning into more stable housing.

We thank you for trusting us to serve as an extension of your heart and hands in the world. If you would like to receive our quarterly newsletter and see how your donation helps our mission, please e-mail us at [churchstreetboard@gmail.com](mailto:churchstreetboard@gmail.com).

God bless,  
Kaitlin Barick  
Executive Director

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, August 1, 2021</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tenth Sunday After Pentecost</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>2 Samuel 11.26-12.13a</i> <i>Psalms 51.1-12 (UMH 785)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ephesians 4.1-16</i> <i>John 6.24-34</i></p>	<p><b><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></b></p> <p>In what specific situation is God calling you now to exercise humility, gentleness, patience, and love?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, August 8, 2021</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>2 Samuel 18.5-9, 15, 31-33</i> <i>Psalms 130 (UMH 848)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ephesians 4.25-5.2</i> <i>John 6.35, 41-51</i></p>	<p><b><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></b></p> <p>When have you experienced bitterness, anger, or slanderous speech in yourself or from others? How can you overcome these struggles and find grace to forgive?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, August 15, 2021</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>1 Kings 2.10-12, 3.3-14</i> <i>Psalms 111 (UMH 832)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ephesians 5.15-20</i> <i>John 6.51-55</i></p>	<p><b><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></b></p> <p>In this week's reading from 1 Kings, God says to Solomon that he should "ask what I should give you." If you heard God say this to you, how would you respond? What does your heart desire, for yourself, for your loved ones, and for this world?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, August 22, 2021</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>1 Kings 8.1,6,10-11,22-30,41-43</i> <i>Psalms 84 (UMH 804)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ephesians 6.10-20</i> <i>John 6.56-69</i></p>	<p><b><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></b></p> <p>This week's reading from 1 Kings counsels radical hospitality toward "foreigners." Are there people of other traditions, nationalities, ethnicities, or other groups in your workplace, neighborhood, or community? How can you express welcome?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, August 29, 2021</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Songs 2.8-13</i> <i>Psalms 45.1-2,6-9 or Psalms 124 (UMH 795)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>James 1.17-27</i> <i>Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23</i></p>	<p><b><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></b></p> <p>Song of Solomon portrays a vivid picture of romantic love. Recall an experience of romantic love from your life. In what ways does romantic love parallel our relationship with Christ? In what ways is it different?</p>

<p><b>Morning Prayer</b> (<i>week of Sunday, August 1</i>):</p> <p>Holy, holy, holy Lord God almighty,  as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  your love endures forever.  You send the sun and the rain, giving light and life.  Grant that I may be one with the mind of Christ,  loving my neighbor as myself  and giving of myself as generously  as you have given yourself to us. Amen.</p>	<p><b>Evening Prayer</b> (<i>week of Sunday, August 1</i>):</p> <p>The day has run its course,  and you are still with me, O God.  You have given me life today  and opportunities to be in your presence.  Embrace me with your light as I rest now,  and prepare me for tomorrow. Amen.</p>
<p><b>Morning Prayer</b> (<i>week of Sunday, August 8</i>):</p> <p>God of the morning watches,  my soul waits for you, and I hope in your word.  Bread of life, nourish, strengthen,  and accompany me throughout this day,  that I may labor honestly, share with those in need,  and imitate your love in all things. Amen.</p>	<p><b>Evening Prayer</b> (<i>week of Sunday, August 8</i>):</p> <p>God of peace, thank you for the gift of this day.  There is forgiveness in you always,  so I know that where I have fallen short,  you already cover me.  Let your steadfast love continue  to cleanse, comfort, and keep me  throughout the coming night. Amen.</p>
<p><b>Morning Prayer</b> (<i>week of Sunday, August 15</i>):</p> <p>I praise you, Lord, and give you thanks  for the gift of this new day.  Fill me with your Holy Spirit.  Let your songs fill my heart.  Give me a wise and discerning mind  to walk in your way. Amen.</p>	<p><b>Evening Prayer</b> (<i>week of Sunday, August 15</i>):</p> <p>Gracious and merciful God,  I have gone out and come in today  seeking to do your will,  yet there is much I do not understand.  I commit to you my questions, concerns,  and anxieties.  Grant me rest in your peace. Amen.</p>
<p><b>Morning Prayer</b> (<i>week of Sunday, August 22</i>):</p> <p>Lord God, my sun and my shield,  a day in your household is better  than a thousand elsewhere.  Let the grace of your presence strengthen me  and accompany me everywhere I go today.  Prepare me to be your sanctuary,  that your love might shine through me. Amen.</p>	<p><b>Evening Prayer</b> (<i>week of Sunday, August 22</i>):</p> <p>Lord God, my strength, your Spirit never tires;  your love never fails.  I bring you my struggles, stresses,  questions, and worries.  Where else can I go?  Let your promises sustain me through the night  and into another new day. Amen.</p>
<p><b>Morning Prayer</b> (<i>week of Sunday, August 29</i>):</p> <p>Beloved Savior, my heart overflows  with your goodness and love.  The night has passed. The morning has come.  Your voice calls out to me,  Let your love strengthen me to respond,  caring for all those in need of expressions  of your love. Amen.</p>	<p><b>Evening Prayer</b> (<i>week of Sunday, August 29</i>):</p> <p>Christ, Beloved One, I desire to keep pace  with the steps of your love today.  Nonetheless, I find my feet wandering  and my heart forgetting your love.  Gather me again in your gracious embrace,  and renew my strength as I rest in you this night.  Amen.</p>





## BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR & OLYMPICS AUGUST 15, 3:30-6 PM

Join us for our Back to School Fair and Olympics Messy Church! We will once again be offering back-to-school supplies, services, and fun to kick-off our Messy Church year. If you would like to donate gently used children's books, please do so near the Outreach Board, by August 12. We'd also love for you to invite your friends and neighbors.

Want to help make the messy magic?  
To learn how you can help, contact  
Carolyn Williams ([weaseltv@msn.com](mailto:weaseltv@msn.com))  
or Pastor Carrie  
([cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org)/ 440-234-3525 x 105)!

## BLESSING A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

Join us in worship on August 22 as we bless our students and musicians for a new school year. Bring your backpack as we celebrate another new year of learning. Bring an instrument as we celebrate another new year of music, and even share a few notes with us! Participants will receive a backpack tag to remind them of God's love, and our love, all year long.

We will also be collecting notes of encouragement for Grindstone Elementary teachers and staff. Thank you for your prayerful support of our community's children and educators!

## ECUMENICAL YOUTH GROUP

AUGUST 1, 4 PM, WALLACE LAKE

Youth and Tweens 4th-12th Grade are invited to join us at our kick-off Ecumenical Youth Group picnic and more at Wallace Lake on August 1 at 4 PM. Bring a snack to share, your own beverage, and some school supplies. We'll play games, enjoy food, and be in service putting together school kits for the back-to-school fair.

We're excited to relaunch this Ecumenical Youth Group with several participating churches. Join us on the fourth Sunday of each month at 5 PM at UMCB for an exciting youth group experience. Tweens 4th-6th grade and youth 7th-12th grade will meet separately for discussion groups, and come together for fun activities. We'll need both adults and YOUTH to help plan these group events.

Contact Pastor Carrie at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org)/ 440-234-3525 x 105  
if you'd like to be a part of the team!



**RALLY DAY &  
POTLUCK CELEBRATION**  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

If ever there was a time to rally together as we begin again with faith formation, it is NOW! Begin praying now about who you will bring with you to Rally Day - the official kick-off Sunday to the faith formation year. Children's, youth, and adult faith formation resumes in person during the 10 AM hour.

Following the 11 AM worship service will be a cherished occasion - a potluck celebration! Burgers and hotdogs will be provided. Bring a dish to share, your own table service, and a refreshed spirit ready to get to know each other again!

Children's Sunday School and Youth Bible Study will be held at 10 AM, as well a variety of Adult groups.

Stay tuned for next month's Caller with more details.



MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 6:30-8 PM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Read and Grow Book Discussion Group will start meeting in Fellowship Hall on the second Monday of each month from 6:30-8 PM.

On **August 9** we will discuss **The Personal Librarian** by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

On **September 13** we will discuss **Searching for Sylvie Lee** by Jean Kwok.

If anyone has questions, please contact either **Betsy Meikle** at 440-243-5767 or **Janet Mallarnee** at 440-235-7331.

**FAITH FORMATION SURVEYS**

As we relaunch our faith formation programs, we greatly appreciate your input for each age group. Thank for you taking the time to fill out this quick survey which will help us shape our ministries this year:

Children & Youth:

<https://forms.gle/FKzPAPGtRN5ymrmT9>

Adults:

<https://forms.gle/Xw8Un7guZCLNA4oB8>

Thank you,  
The Discipleship Collaborative Team



COMMISSION ON THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN

Lucy Rider Meyer (1849-1922), a social worker and educator, was an early leader in the deaconess movement in the Methodist church. She earned a medical degree and was one of the first women professors in the United States when she began teaching chemistry at McKendree College. She also taught Sunday school in her local Methodist Episcopal Church, which led her to study the Bible closely and introduced her to the deaconess movement in Europe.

She became concerned that there was no school that trained women for Christian leadership in the United States. After an intense public speaking and fundraising campaign, she opened the Chicago Training School for City, Home and Foreign Mission (CTS) in 1885. Three years later the 1888 General Conference created the licensed ministry of deaconesses for women called to service in the community. Meyer remained head of the school for 32 years; at her retirement, it was estimated that 3,600 social workers in 24 countries had graduated from her programs. CTS was one of the schools that later merged to create what is today Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.

In addition to her groundbreaking educational work, Meyer was an accomplished public speaker, hymn writer and author.



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## UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS

RESUMING SEPTEMBER 15  
THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH  
9:30 AM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

The UMW circle meetings on the third Wednesday of each month will be held in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM. Our first meeting will be on Wed., September 15. We hope everyone will be able to join us!!

For more information,  
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at [meiklebetsyj@juno.com](mailto:meiklebetsyj@juno.com) or 440-243-5767  
or  
**Nancy Buehler** at 440-234-7613.

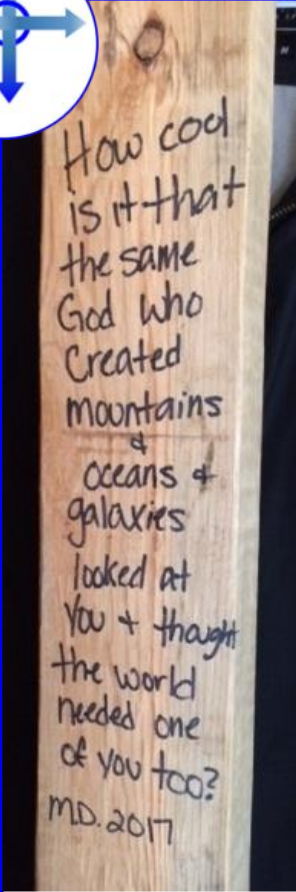


## UMW FALL FAIR OCTOBER 9, 2021

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

Many more details to follow!





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INFORMATIONAL  
MEETING**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24  
6:30 PM, THE PARLOR

After a one-year hiatus due to the pandemic, we are planning to travel again in 2022 to the UMCOR Depot at Sager Brown in Baldwin, Louisiana.

The dates of our 2022 trip will be March 6-11 and March 13-18, 2022, and you can plan to participate either or both of those weeks.

Join us on Tuesday, August 24 at 6:30 PM in the Parlor to learn more about this mission opportunity.

Please RSVP to Pastor Nathan at [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x101 by Thursday, August 19 if you plan to attend this informational meeting and/or for more information.

**2021 BALDWIN WALLACE  
BACK-TO-CLASS  
GRAB-AND-GO BREAKFAST**

MONDAY, AUGUST 23 FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM

As we gear up for the launch of a new United Methodist Student Ministry, we are once again planning to have a Grab-and-Go Breakfast for our student neighbors on the first day of class. Your help in providing donations is key to this being a success! We are looking for items like Pop-Tarts, Nutri-Grain Bars, Nature Valley Granola Bars, bottles of water, and small bottles of juice or Gatorade. Items can be dropped off in the collection bin located in the hallway outside the Sanctuary by **Sunday, August 15**.

Thank you for your generosity!



**Homework Helpers**

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AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM**

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 22, 4-6 PM

We are now ready for parents and caregivers to apply for our after-school homework help and tutoring program. Please invite your friends and neighbors to consider applying for this academic and faith formation program.

If you are interested in serving on this team, there is still time to sign up! Please contact Pastor Carrie, or go straight to the registration form here: <https://forms.gle/3crCdxRtcxCwgsWg7>

Questions? Please contact **Pastor Carrie** know at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x105!



MONTHLY E-BIT  
 HELP THE EARTH BY  
 WASHING YOUR CAR ON THE GRASS



Did you know that you are helping the Earth if you wash your car on the grass? When you wash your car on your driveway, the water carries soapy runoff into storm drains which then goes to rivers or streams untreated. This can be harmful for fish and other wildlife as well as plants. If the water flows into a large lake like Lake Erie every time car washing soap or other liquids (like motor oil that may have dripped from your car) the effect of these chemicals can build up over time. When you wash your car on the lawn the ground (and grass) acts as a filter for any pollutants.

Try it sometime using biodegradable, environmentally friendly soap such as Simple Green Car Wash or Meguiars Biodegradable Car Wash Soap which are easy to find. Alternatively, some commercial car washes treat and conserve water and use environmentally friendly soaps.

For more information, visit <https://earth911.com/business-policy/earth-friendly-car-washing/>.

*Submitted by Wendy Jelinek for Church and Society*

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, COMPASSION, & JUSTICE

EQUAL EXCHANGE

AUGUST 4, 6:30-7 PM

AT THE RED DOORS ON SEMINARY STREET

Equal Exchange items will be available for purchase on **Wednesday, August 4** 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 [info@umcb.org](mailto:info@umcb.org) 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.



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

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.

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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:

