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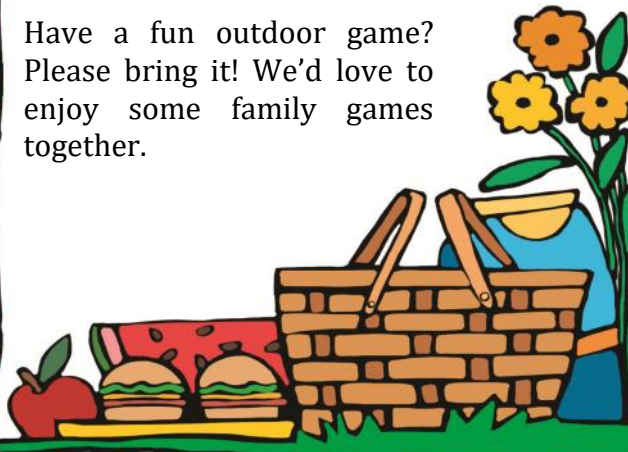
TEACHING & LEARNING TOGETHER

RALLY DAY & POTLUCK CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
AFTER THE 11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us after 11 AM worship for a
cookout and potluck! Burgers and
hotdogs will be provided. Please bring
your own table service and a side dish
to share.

Have a fun outdoor game?
Please bring it! We'd love to
enjoy some family games
together.



MESSY CHURCH IS BACK!

SEPTEMBER 19
4-6 PM, OUTSIDE THE CHURCH
(WEATHER-PERMITTING)

Bring your friends and neighbors to these
monthly events that share faith, fun, and
friendship. Messy Church is always on the third
Sunday of the month from 4-6 PM.

September's theme is American Ninja Warrior!
As weather permits, Messy Church will be
outside. If inclement weather, it will move
inside. We anticipate dinner being served to-go
for the coming months.



READ & GROW BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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 **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**.



FALL FAITH FORMATION

We're excited to be offering in-person faith formation programs for all ages, as well as some online offerings for adults. Rally Day, or the kick-off to the faith formation year, will be held on September 12.

Here's what's in store!

For Children:

Sunday School for preschool – 6th grade will happen at 10 AM on our second floor. We'll gather as one big family and then break out into smaller age-related groups.

Children's Church this year is themed with meaningful story-telling and music. Near the beginning of the 11 AM Worship Service, children will walk together to either the chapel or the music room on the 2nd floor. The pray-ground will also be open throughout the worship service.

Homework Helpers, our after school academic program will also include an optional faith formation program. If you're interested in homework help or tutoring for your child, please fill out the application ASAP. On Wednesdays beginning at 4 pm, academic help will be provided to K-12 students. At 5 PM, a half-hour faith formation program will be offered to all ages. <https://forms.gle/1KoPmtDhLZUH8WEA8>

For Youth:

Youth Bible Study on Sundays at 10 AM will feature Bible Stories chosen by youth to dig deep into. (And donuts. Don't forget the donuts.) Leaders Rev. Lisa Morrison and Kelsey (Brewer) Johnson will guide students 7th-12th grade in their exploration of Scripture.

District Confirmation: Students grade 7 and older are invited to participate in a district-wide Confirmation program including UMC's from all over the Cleveland area. More details on this will be sent to parents of student who have not been confirmed yet.

Ecumenical Youth Group begins its regular schedule September 26, meeting 4th Sundays of each month at 5 pm. Bringing together 10+ churches to form a sizable and diverse group will create more fun and build more friendships. EYG will meet at our church in Wesley Hall. Bring a friend and enjoy a bigger youth group experience! *EYG is open to 4th-6th grade tweens, and 6th-12th grade youth.*

Please be sure to register both children and youth using this link:

<https://forms.gle/RkW1paMmykgDMCP47>.

This is a once a year form and helps us to stay up-to-date on your family's needs.

Fall Faith Formation continues with Adult Formation on the next page.



Adult Faith Formation

Sunday Scripture Readings Reflection, 10 AM, Fellowship Hall. Join us for a time of reflection and discussion of the morning's scripture readings. An informal group with heartfelt sharing and prayer.

FaithLink, 10 AM, Room 13. Join us in person or via zoom for discussion on current events as they relate to living faithfully.

Women's Bible Study, Thursdays at 6:30 PM, On Zoom.

Thursday Night Bible Study will be doing Women of the Old Testament by Gladys Hunt It is a twelve week study and it will take us from Eve through Esther with stops for Ruth, Abigail and other favorites ... please come join us ! For more information, please contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at 440-409-5931 or marylynn482@gmail.com.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 9 am, room 13. Join us in person or via Zoom. This fall's theme is "What does it mean to belong?" This unit looks at the various ways that the Bible makes clear how we belong to God's people even when we appear to be outsiders. Several of the sessions point out where we as human beings insert distinctions that restrict membership within the community of Christ. RSVP to Pastor Carrie to receive a student workbook.

For more information about any of these formation opportunities or for Zoom links, contact Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN

This month, we celebrate and thank our own Dr. Georgia "Jo" Swanson for her dedication to sharing over 40 years of COSROW history with us.

Jo has been an active member of The United Methodist Church of Berea for many years. She has helped lead Sunday morning worship as a frequent liturgist and member of Chancel Choir. Jo and her husband, Allan, have been faithful members of the "Caller Crew", preparing the newsletters for mailing each month. She has also served on quite a few committees over the years and has been an active supporter of UMW programs. She was an integral part of the 175th Anniversary Committee which produced an updated church history book.

Jo majored in speech communication and theatre at Baldwin Wallace University. She taught in the Berea school system before joining the BW faculty in 1966. She retired as a full professor in 1999, receiving the Faculty Excellence Award and Outstanding Educator Award during her career at BW.

In 1976, The General Conference established the Commission On The Status and Role Of Women (COSROW). Dr. Georgia "Jo" Swanson was initiated as chair in 1980. Rev. Dr. Calvin Myers suggested Jo write a monthly column for the Caller. "Cal Myers had no idea his suggestion would keep going for over 40 years," said Jo upon announcing her retirement. "I have enjoyed keeping Methodist history via women's news up to date. I hope you have gained some information and appreciated the contributions."

Thank you, Jo, and God bless!



SATURATION SUNDAY • September 19

CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING

Our East Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church has a long-standing commitment to partnering with Africa University, a Pan-African United Methodist institution located in Zimbabwe. In January 2020, our Conference began a \$1.5 million “Teach, Reach, Bless” campaign to build a new dormitory for female students on the AU campus. Representatives of Africa University will preach in East Ohio Conference congregations on Sunday, September 19 to share information about Africa University and this campaign.

During both of our morning worship services on Sunday, September 19, our guest preacher will be Dr. Aubrey K. Lucas, who is President Emeritus and Professor of Higher Education at The University of Southern Mississippi and a former member of Africa University’s Board of Directors. Please join us in worship on September 19, at 9 AM or 11 AM, and visit www.eocumc.com/teachreachbless for more information about Africa University and our Conference’s partnership with it.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON HIKE

SEPTEMBER 26, 4 PM
COLUMBIA RESERVATION
25145 ROYALTON ROAD,
COLUMBIA STATION

Enjoy the beauty of God’s creation, both outdoors and in each other! All are welcome to join us on Sunday, September 26 at 4 PM as we explore Columbia Reservation.

If you plan to join us, please RSVP by the end of the day on Thursday, September 23 to **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101.



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DINNER FOR EIGHT

We are finishing up the letter and the enrollment for all those participating in the Dinner for Eight conversational dinner group. There is still room for some last-minute participants and we need two alternates, as well.

If you are interested in joining this group or serving as an alternate, please contact **Molly Force** at molly.o.force@gmail.com or 440-888-8417.



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

9 AM Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary and Live-streamed at
www.facebook.com/umcberea/live

11 AM Modern Worship
in Wesley Hall with the Praise Band

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

In accordance with CDC guidelines, we will require that all persons, regardless of vaccination status, wear face masks throughout their time in our building whenever our county rating is "substantial" or "high." When our county returns to a rating of "moderate" or "low," face masks again will be optional for those who are fully vaccinated and expected for those who are not. If you are ill or experiencing symptoms, please stay home and worship with us online.

MORNING PRAYER

Mondays through Fridays at 9 AM
Online via Zoom
(Meeting ID: 518 014 483; Passcode: 170)

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) 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!



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

Our choir 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:cpoppp@umcb.org))
or **Margaret Proctor**
(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.

For more information, please contact
Tori Lero (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).

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, September 5, 2021</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Proverbs 22.1-2, 8-9, 22-23</i> <i>Psalms 125 or Psalm 124 (UMH 846)</i> <i>James 2.1-10, (11-13), 14-17</i> <i>Mark 7.24-37</i></p>	<p><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></p> <p>This week's reading from James accuses Christ's followers of dishonoring the poor. According to some studies, one in five children in the United States live in households whose income falls beneath the poverty line. What does this reality mean for you as a person of faith? How might God be calling the church to respond to this?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, September 12, 2021</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Proverbs 1.30-33</i> <i>Psalms 19 (UMH 750)</i> <i>James 3.1-12</i> <i>Mark 8.27-38</i></p>	<p><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></p> <p>How are you actively seeking God's wisdom in your life right now? What are signs and symbols of God's presence that surround you every day?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, September 19, 2021</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Proverbs 31.10-31</i> <i>Psalms 1 (UMH 738)</i> <i>James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a</i> <i>Mark 9.30-37</i></p>	<p><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></p> <p>How do you discern between good advice and advice that might lead you on the wrong path? Who are the good advisors in your life? For whom are you offering good advice or counsel?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, September 26, 2021</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Esther 7.1-6, 9-10; 9.20-22</i> <i>Psalms 124 (UMH 846)</i> <i>James 5.13-20</i> <i>Mark 9.38-50</i></p>	<p><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></p> <p>How can you perceive God as an active presence in your life and in the life of others? How can you be grateful and adore God not only in the times when you are the subject of God's blessing but also in times of trouble?</p>

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, September 5):

Generous God, you are my maker and I trust in you.
Surround me with your favor today
that I may hear the cry of those in need
and share my resources with those in poverty;
in the excellent name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, September 5):

Good and constant God,
I have endeavored to love my neighbor today.
Yet the needs are so great
that I find my faith falling short.
In your mercy, let the favor of Christ
surround me with strength.
Restore me as I rest in you. Amen.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, September 12):

As I open my eyes,
I can see the heavens that tell of your glory.
Allow me to be part of this creation
that proclaims your handiwork
and your real presence in the world. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, September 12):

As the day winds down,
allow me to find satisfaction in the thought
that I have taken my cross and followed you.
And if I have failed you, forgive me,
and allow me to find consolation
in the new mercies of the new day. Amen.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, September 19):

As we rise, we have so much to do.
We work without realizing
that all we do can be a song of love to you
and to the ones with whom
you have surrounded us.
Lead me, O God,
so that everything I do in my life
can be done in praise to you. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, September 19):

As this day ends,
I hope I have done my work
with a gentleness born of your wisdom.
Thank you, God,
for the rest you will provide
and for the strength of a new morning. Amen.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, September 26):

May the first words in my mouth today
be the sound of Jesus' name.
Lead me to reflect on his power
as I seek to live this day,
honoring the One who gives me salvation
and a new and fuller life.
In Jesus' powerful name, I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, September 26):

As the day winds down, O God,
help me to consider times during the day
when I lived in your grace
and times when I failed to be salt in your world.
Keep working in my life,
through the power of your Holy Spirit,
so I can become more like you want me to be.
In Jesus' name, Amen.



CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS

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

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

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)

WE REACH OUT IN

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND LOVE...

- . . . to the Family & Friends of Patricia Carter who went on to rest in God's eternal peace on July 7, 2021.
- . . . to Della Lofton, the Lofton Family & the friends of Sam Lofton who went on to rest in God's eternal peace on July 30, 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)

PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER REQUESTS

Please contact **Pastor Nathan** at **440-234-3525 x101** or nhowe@umcb.org 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.

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

CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING



UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 15
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 Wednesday, September 15. We hope everyone will be able to join us!!

For more information, please contact **Betsy Mickle** at meiklebetsyj@juno.com or **440-243-5767** or **Nancy Buehler** at **440-234-7613**.

CRAFTS, CHILI, & CLEAN CLUTTER

OCTOBER 9, 2021
10 AM - 4 PM, WESLEY HALL & HALLWAY

"Crafts, Chili, and Clean Clutter" will be held in Wesley Hall and Hallway on Saturday, October, 10 AM- 4 PM. The set up will be Friday, October 8, 3-7 PM. Masks are required and all proceeds will be donated to UMW missions.

Craft tables, ceramic ornaments, and gourmet popcorn will be in the Wesley Hallway. Clean clutter will be on tables in Wesley Hall, and this may include plants, books, toys, appliances, tools, kitchen utensils, and china.

No clothing, jewelry, food, or baked goods will be accepted.

Two kinds of chili (meat and vegetarian) may be purchased in Wesley Hall near the kitchenette. It will be bagged with cornbread and dessert to go.

All donors are expected to deliver, set up, and price their own items. They also need to retrieve any unsold items between 4 - 6 PM Saturday.



STAFF OFFICE HOURS

Beth Barner, Office Manager (ebarner@umcb.org, 440-234-3525 x100, 440-710-4498)
9AM –3PM, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday (Tuesday & Friday, Beth works from home.)

Maryann Herron, Finance & Membership (mherron@umcb.org, 440-234-3525 x103)
10AM—3PM, Monday, Wednesday, Friday (Off on Tuesday & Thursday)

Pastor Nathan Howe (nhowe@umcb.org 440-234-3525 x101),
Pastor Carrie Antczak (cantczak@umcb.org, 440-234-3525 x105), and
Mark Williams, Facilities Manager (mwilliams@umcb.org, 440-234-3525 x102)
have office hours which vary based on need.

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.



SHARING...

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.

September’s Loose Change Offering will support Saylor Christmas Shop.

Is it beginning to look a lot like Christmas? Only four months away! What a great time to start setting aside some change to make a difference in the holidays of children supported by OhioGuidestone. Jingle all the way to church on September 12 to get in the Christmas generosity spirit!

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”.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, COMPASSION, & JUSTICE

SUPPORTING OUR HEALTHCARE HEROES AT FAIRVIEW HOSPITAL



Join us in loving our neighbors this month by considering these ways to support our healthcare heroes:

1. Get the COVID-19 vaccination if you are able and keep masking up! We can do this together!
2. Write a short note of encouragement or have your little ones draw pictures. Address them to “Dear Healthcare Hero” so that the card can be given to heroes serving in a variety of roles. Keep in mind that the recipient may come from a different faith.
3. Donate pocket sized hand lotion, regular sized candy bars, boxes of tea (with individual wrappers so boxes can serve many workers), and bags of hershey kisses.

A Loving your Neighbors box will be available near the Outreach board near the offices. We will also put out supplies for notes during the month of September. Thank you to everyone who is doing their best to bring about health and wholeness to our community!

And thank you to Rev. Lisa Morrison, Spiritual Director of Fairview Hospital for helping us with this mission of thanks!



HOMework HELPERS AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 22, 4-6 PM



As we get ready to kick off our after school program on September 22, we welcome your prayers as we begin something new and exciting that will support our community’s young people. We are still accepting applications from students to participate in our program.

Homework Helpers

For an application form, please contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105!



MONTHLY E-BIT: COMPOSTING YOUR FOOD SCRAPS AND YARD WASTE HELPS THE ENVIRONMENT & YOUR PLANTS!



A great way to reduce the amount of trash that goes to the landfill and a way to create a nutrient-rich material for your garden is by composting food scraps and yard waste. You can set up your own compost pile/bin or if you don't have a place to compost at your home, the Berea Community Learning Farm has a compost pile. Things you can compost are vegetable and fruit scraps, coffee grounds, grass clippings (without chemicals applied) and leaves. The compost pile at the Farm is open year round and accepts the items noted above but no sticks, branches or other hard materials nor fabric and no plastic bags.

For information on composting, visit Cuyahoga Solid Waste District's site ([https://cuyahogarecycles.org/composting and yard waste](https://cuyahogarecycles.org/composting_and_yard_waste))

For more information about the Farm, visit <https://www.bereacommunitylearningfarm.org/>.

Submitted by Wendy Jelinek for Church and Society

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, COMPASSION, & JUSTICE

NEW DAY AND TIME FOR EQUAL EXCHANGE

SUNDAY MORNINGS
10-11 AM, OUTSIDE THE PARLOR

Equal Exchange fair trade items will now be available on Sundays from 10-11 AM. (between the two church services). Please stop by to purchase coffee, tea, hot cocoa or some chocolate. Thanks for your continued support of this mission!

Submitted by Wendy Jelinek for Church and Society



SUPPORT OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT IN THE CUPBOARD BETWEEN THE NARTHEX AND THE LIBRARY

Our collections of food to support our neighbors through local food pantries continue, but no longer on Wednesday evenings. Instead, please place donations of non-perishable food in the cupboard between the narthex (the hallway outside the Sanctuary) and the library anytime you are in the building. (If you need help finding the right location, talk to one of the pastors or other staff.)

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

We live into our mission by:

