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## CONNECTING AND SUPPORTING UNITED METHODISTS GLOBALLY - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING



Often, United Methodist pastors are burdened with debt resulting from loans to complete seminary. Or worse, they are prevented from answering their call to ministry because they aren't equipped to face what may seem an overwhelming financial obligation. On October 3, our congregation will address this concern through our World Communion Sunday special offering.

In The United Methodist Church, World Communion Sunday is one of six Special Sundays with offerings. On the first Sunday in October, our designated gifts benefit students around the world by providing scholarships, mentoring and training.

The Rev. Nickie Moreno Howard received the Journey Toward Ordained Ministry Scholarship, funded through the World Communion Sunday Offering. In addition to financial support, Moreno Howard, a Texas native of Mexican heritage, was mentored and met others experiencing similar life struggles. Following her graduation, she became a JTOM mentor, supporting a new class of scholars.

The spirit of World Communion Sunday is to come together in Christian unity around the breaking bread and sharing the cup. In our Wesleyan tradition, we extend this practice through our special offering. Please consider giving generously on Sunday, October 3. Learn more at <https://www.umc.org/en/content/world-communion-sunday-ministry-article>.



## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### 9 AM Traditional Worship

in the Sanctuary, Live-streamed at  
[www.facebook.com/umcberea/live](http://www.facebook.com/umcberea/live),  
and by Phone (1-888-788-0099,  
meeting id: 518 014 483; passcode: 170)

### 11 AM Modern Worship

in Wesley Hall with the Praise Band

Bulletins to guide your participation can be  
found at [www.umcb.org/worshipresources](http://www.umcb.org/worshipresources).

*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

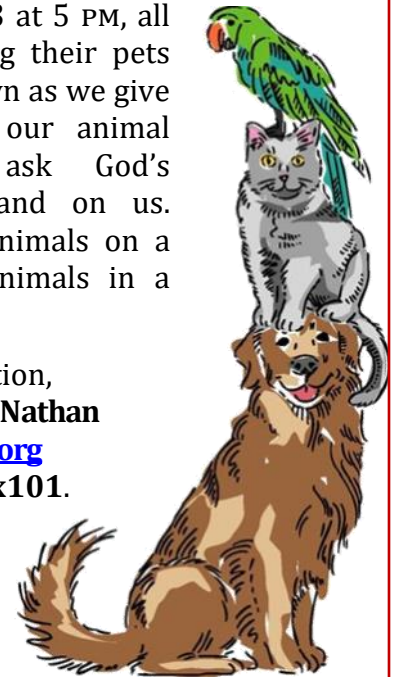
Whether or not you are comfortable coming back to in-person gatherings, your participation in our ministries through your prayers and gifts remain essential to our ministries. You are invited to give anytime online ([www.umcb.org/donate](http://www.umcb.org/donate)) or by mailing checks to the church office. If you are worshipping 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!

## BLESSING OF THE PETS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3  
5 PM, SEMINARY STREET LAWN

On Sunday, October 3 at 5 PM, all are welcome to bring their pets and join us on the lawn as we give thanks to God for our animal companions and ask God's blessing on them and on us. Please have larger animals on a leash and smaller animals in a carrier.

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



## SUNDAY AFTERNOON WALK

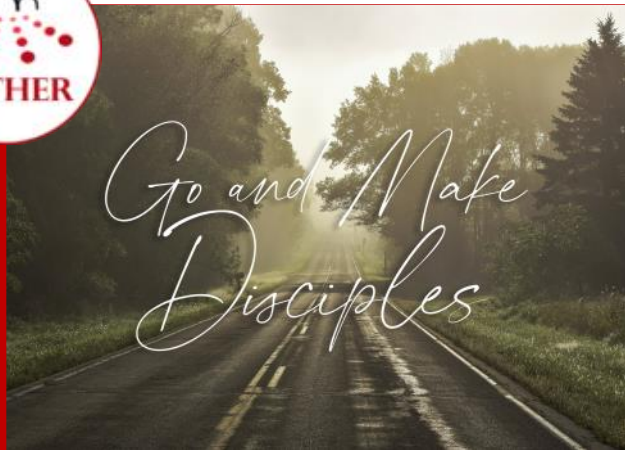
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10  
4 PM, ROCKY RIVER NATURE CENTER

All are welcome to join us for a fall walk/hike on the trails near the Rocky River Nature Center on Sunday, October 10. We will gather in the parking lot of the Nature Center at 4 PM and begin our walk from there.

If you plan to join us, please RSVP by the end of the day on **Thursday, October 7** to **Pastor Nathan** at [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x101.



Photo Credit: Cindy McCowen



## “BACK TO BASICS” WORSHIP SERIES

SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 24 – NOVEMBER 21  
9 AM IN THE SANCTUARY AND ONLINE  
11 AM IN WESLEY HALL

At The United Methodist Church of Berea, our mission is “to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” Each year, during the fall, we re-consider what this mission statement means for our lives as disciples and our life together as a community of faith.

*What is a disciple?*

*How do we mature as disciples?*

*How do we “make disciples” or help others to mature as disciples?*

*How do we transform, or make a real positive difference, in the world?*

*How can we become more fully engaged and flourishing as we live in the way of Christ?*

For five Sundays in October and November, we will explore together a model for Christian discipleship built around *five essential practices* that God called each of us to engage in both personally and together as we center our lives more fully on loving God and loving others. Join us in worship in October and November as we get “back to the basics” of our mission and discipleship.

**October 24:** Called to Worship—Cultivating a Life of Gratitude

**October 31:** Called to Give—Cultivating a Life of Generosity

**November 7:** Called to Serve—Cultivating a Life of Justice and Kindness

**November 14:** Called to Study—Cultivating a Life of Learning

**November 21:** Called to Share—Cultivating a Life that Bears Witness

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All  
Saints'  
Sunday

## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9 AM IN THE SANCTUARY AND ONLINE  
11 AM IN WESLEY HALL

The Festival of All Saints is celebrated by the church on November 1 (or, in worship, on the Sunday immediately following November 1). It is an annual opportunity for us to gather and give thanks for the community of faith as we re-affirm that the church consists not only in all those followers of Jesus who are living and with us physically but also all those who have gone before us and who are yet to come.





CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER CONCERNS

**MEMBERS**

- Bruce Akins
- Molly Arthur
- Betty Atherton
- Barbara Beihl
- Heidi Blue
- Carol Bodle
- Barb Dawson
- Wilda Donegan
- Cleda Fletcher
- Molly Force
- Carol & Bruce Forster
- Carol Heskett
- Jan Heter
- Larry Jelinek
- Elenore Long
- Christine McMillin
- Betty Miller
- Rev. Cal Myers
- Donna O'Brien
- Mary Potts
- Donald Powers
- Lou Russell
- Russ Sanderson
- Jo Swanson
- Ron Teutsch
- Carol Thompson
- Kathleen Wargelin
- 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 & 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)
- David Dawley (8/16/21, Nephew of Ron & Dorene Larkey)
- 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**

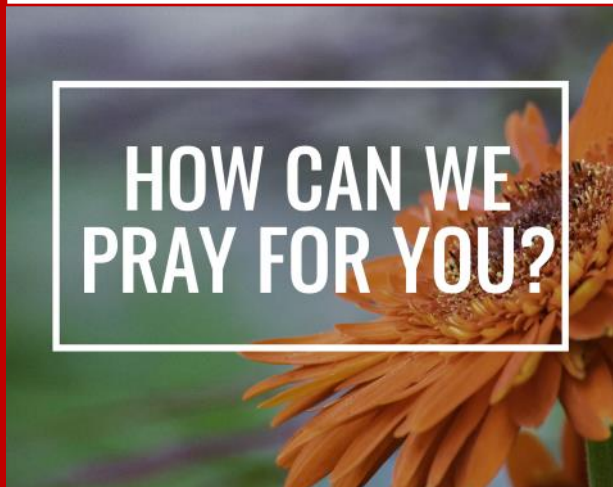
**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND LOVE...**

... to the Family & Friends of Michelle Lawrence who went on to rest in God's eternal peace on August 31, 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)

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HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

**PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please contact **Pastor Nathan** at **440-234-3525 x101** or [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto: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](http://www.umcb.org/worshipresources).

To receive Prayer Concerns by email, please email the **Church Office** at [info@umcb.org](mailto:info@umcb.org).

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, October 3, 2021</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Job 1.1;2.1-10</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Psalm 26 or Psalm 25 (UMH 756)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mark 10.2-16</i></p>	<p><b><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></b></p> <p>How do we persist in our integrity and discipleship when the hard times come? What can we do with the bad things that happen in our lives? What is God's relationship to the difficulties and challenges we encounter?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, October 10, 2021</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Job 23.1-9, 16-17</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Psalm 22.1-15 (UMH 752)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Hebrews 4.12-13</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mark 10.17-31</i></p>	<p><b><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></b></p> <p>How do you talk to God when it feels that God is not listening? How can you live more fully as a disciple in response to Jesus' words that we must sell all that we own, give the money to the poor, and then follow him?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, October 17, 2021</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Job 38.1-7 (34-41)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Psalm 104.1-9, 24, 35c (UMH 826)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Hebrews 5.1-1</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mark 10.35-45</i></p>	<p><b><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></b></p> <p>How can you seek God's wisdom? How can you live more fully as a servant?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, October 24, 2021</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Job 42.1-6, 10-17</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Psalm 34.1-8 (19-22) (UMH 769)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Hebrews 7.23-28</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mark 10.46-52</i></p>	<p><b><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></b></p> <p>What can you do to help someone to know Christ? How can you help someone near you to find healing in God's presence?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, October 31, 2021</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ruth 1.1-18</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Psalm 146 (UMH 858)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Hebrews 9.11-14</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mark 12.28-34</i></p>	<p><b><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></b></p> <p>What does it mean to love God with all your heart, mind, and soul and to love your neighbor as yourself? What can you do to watch out for the oppressed, the widows, the orphans, and other vulnerable persons?</p>

<p><b><i>Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, October 3):</i></b></p> <p>Help us, God, as we rise this day, to seek out your will as we enjoy the good and persevere through the bad. Prove us, O God, and be with us, so that we can learn the steps we need to take to follow in your way. Amen.</p>	<p><b><i>Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, October 3):</i></b></p> <p>Thank you for your embracing heart, O God: for making me feel welcome and loved, for helping me to keep moving forward, and for reminding me that I am part of your family. Give me courage to share your welcome with all others, in your name. Amen.</p>
<p><b><i>Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, October 10):</i></b></p> <p>As I open my eyes, I want to feel your Word, living and active and guiding my way. I want to live knowing that what is impossible for me is possible for you. I want to live with the certainty that those who are first will be last, and the last will be first. Give me courage and hope this day. Amen.</p>	<p><b><i>Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, October 10):</i></b></p> <p>As I lie down to rest, I look at the times in this day when my heart has felt like fainting, and I have felt like arguing, but I do so with the knowledge that even then, you were with me. Thank you, God, for understanding me and helping me to follow in your way. Give me the rest I need now with an assurance of your presence. Amen.</p>
<p><b><i>Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, October 17):</i></b></p> <p>Gracious God, keep me humble throughout the day. Help me to seek your wisdom as I offer myself in service to others. In your name, I pray. Amen.</p>	<p><b><i>Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, October 17):</i></b></p> <p>Loving God, thank you for keeping me today. Thank you for the awesome works with which you have surrounded me. Continue to bless my community through the night. In the name of Jesus, Amen.</p>
<p><b><i>Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, October 24):</i></b></p> <p>Dear God, help me to follow your ways as I go throughout this day. Amen.</p>	<p><b><i>Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, October 24):</i></b></p> <p>Gracious God, thank you for covering me in your presence throughout the day. Grant me peace and rest in your grace. In Jesus' name, Amen.</p>
<p><b><i>Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, October 31):</i></b></p> <p>Loving God, help me to live by your commandments as I strive to love you and my neighbors with all I have. Amen.</p>	<p><b><i>Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, October 31):</i></b></p> <p>Gracious Lord, thank you for watching over me throughout the day. Help me to meditate on your ways as I rest tonight. In Jesus' name, Amen.</p>



## OCTOBER LOOSE 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.

Each month, you can support the selected mission 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”.

### ***October's Loose Change Offering supports the Sunshine Fund at Grindstone Elementary School.***

The Sunshine Fund supports teachers, staff, and families in need of a little "sunshine". This lends support wherever PTA leadership feel it is needed. In the past, funds have given encouragement gifts to teachers undergoing cancer care, helped purchase winter coats needed for children, and has supported other students who we'll never know needed our care. But God knows, and grace abounds. Thank you for your generosity!

I was thrilled to hear from Cindie Moore regarding your congregation's most generous gift to the Guatemala Sewing Mission. From one sewing machine that was purchased in 1987 while on a mission trip, there are now two sewing schools and over 900 women have graduated and received a formal diploma.

I have been involved in mission work since 1972 when I drove to Guatemala with two others for three months. It was there that a small boy died of starvation in my arms. My life changed forever!

The people of Guatemala and I are most grateful for your acts of kindness and for being the hands and feet of Christ. May God Bless You!

Anne Law Finch



*Photo Credit: Cindie Moore*

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW ORGANIST, MEGAN DENMAN!

Megan Denman is a freelance musician from Lakewood, Ohio. She earned her Bachelor's in Piano Performance from the Baldwin-Wallace University in 2008, and her Master's of the same emphasis from University of Akron in 2010. Her piano instructors include Robert Mayerovitch and Laura Silverman, and organ instructors Margaret Scharf and Barbara McGregor. Ms. Denman is a seasoned piano accompanist previously serving as staff at Baldwin-Wallace University, the University of Akron and Kent State University. She maintains a thriving piano studio through her home as well as at Chagrin Valley Music. Megan studied jazz piano from 2012-2015 with Rock Wehrmann, and has continued to apply the knowledge of improvisation and jazz to enrich her performing. She is an active Music Teacher's National Association member and volunteer.







## CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAYS, 10 AM, SECOND FLOOR

Children's Sunday School is off to a great start! This month several children (and youth) will be receiving Bibles on October 3. Children pre-school - 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join us at any point during the year. Sunday School is held on the Second floor at 10 AM and while it is nice outside, you may see them on the North Lawn!

Please keep all of our young disciples  
in your prayers!

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING THE 11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

In Children's Church during the 11 AM worship service, children have been reading books that speak about the same themes as our Scriptures. They are also making music and worshipping in their own unique way.

For a list of children's books from this fall's lectionary, contact **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x105.



## YOUTH NEWS

### HALLOWEEN AT CEDAR POINT OCTOBER 10 FOLLOWING SUNDAY SCHOOL

Leaving after Sunday School all youth 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older are invited to have a fun day at Cedar Point! Pastor Lisa and Kelsey Johnson will be chaperoning - other parents are welcome to attend! *(You will need to purchase your own ticket.)*

Contact Pastor Lisa ([lisazmorrison@gmail.com](mailto:lisazmorrison@gmail.com)) to RSVP.

### ECUMENICAL YOUTH GROUP OCTOBER 24, 5-6:30 PM, WESLEY HALL

What a great start we had in September! We are looking forward to our next event on October 24 from 5-6:30 PM. Pumpkin Carving! Bring a sharp knife! (The only time Pastor Carrie says this....) Join several other churches in this fun time for youth to make friends and explore their faith.

RSVP by **October 15** to have a pumpkin provided for you! Contact **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x105.

### DISTRICT CONFIRMATION OCTOBER 3, 4-6 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

UMCB is happy to host our first meeting of the District Confirmation program on Sunday, October 3, from 4-6 PM. Youth from all around the Greater Cleveland area will gather to journey towards Confirmation together. If you know of a youth 7<sup>th</sup> grade or older that would like to participate, there's still time to be added to the class.

For more information, Contact **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x105.





## ADULT FAITH FORMATION GROUPS

There are several adult faith formation groups that welcome you to join them this fall including:

Tuesday morning Bible Study  
*Tuesdays, 9 AM, Room 13 and on Zoom*

Thursday Women's Bible Study  
*Thursdays, 6 PM, on Zoom*

Sunday Scripture Reflections  
*Sundays, 10 AM, Fellowship Hall*

FaithLink  
*Sundays, 10 AM, Room 13 and on Zoom*

GriefShare  
*TBD*

There's a group for you! And if you're interested in starting your own group, please let us know how we can support you!

Contact **Pastor Carrie** at  
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 6:30-8 PM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

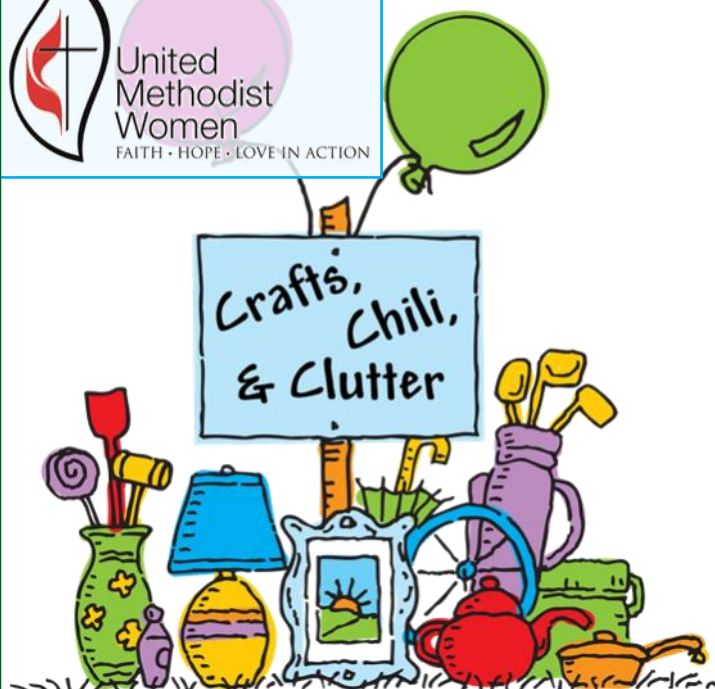
### October 11

**Far Side of the Sea** by Kate Breslin

### November 8

**The Orphan's Tale** by Pam Jenoff

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



OCTOBER 9, 2021

10 AM - 4 PM, WESLEY HALL & HALLWAY

Please join us for craft tables, ceramic ornaments, and gourmet popcorn 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. Two delicious kinds of chili (meat and vegetarian) may be purchased in Wesley Hall near the kitchenette. For your convenience, it will be packaged with cornbread and dessert to go.

***Masks are required for this one of a kind event, and all proceeds will be donated to UMW missions.***

All donors and shoppers are greatly appreciated for participating in this mission fund-raiser!

Questions? Please contact Nancy Buehler at 440-234-7613 or [nbuehler75@gmail.com](mailto:nbuehler75@gmail.com).

### ***Reminder for Clean Clutter Donors:***

*You are expected to deliver, set up, and price their own items. The set-up will be Friday, October 8, from 3-7 PM. You will also need to retrieve unsold items between 4 - 6 PM on Saturday, October 9. No clothing, jewelry, food, or baked goods will be accepted.*



## REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

### SUPPORT AND WELCOME FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES

In recent weeks, we have been learning more about opportunities to support Afghan refugees who may be re-settling in our region in the coming months. Thank you to all of those who have already responded to earlier requests for help. We anticipate that there will be more opportunities to help with food, clothing collections, and financial assistance in the coming weeks.

If you have not yet done so but would like to be added to an email list so we can keep you updated as this evolving situation continues to develop and opportunities become more apparent, please email

**Pastor Nathan** at [nhowe@umcb.org](mailto:nhowe@umcb.org).

Thank you for your generous participation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT...



### LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Thank you to all who donated treats, tea, and notes of encouragement to our Healthcare Heroes at Fairview Hospital! Your generosity and heartfelt notes will be very much appreciated!

This month we are supporting Trunk or Treat and Messy Church! See the right column for more information.

Next month we look forward to raking leaves for our neighbors in need of a helping hand!



### TRUNK OR TREAT & MESSY CHURCH OCTOBER 17, 4-6 PM

**RSVP by October 12** for a parking spot to have great fun! Hand out candy and treats to our community's children - decorate your car for a chance to win "best decorated car"!

Donate extra candy for the event in the outreach bin in the main hallway. We get a LOT of kids, so the extra candy is appreciated to help those who are hosting a parking spot!

*Want to help with a craft or game instead?*  
We'd love to have you serve at Messy Church station set up along our sidewalk.

To sign up for parking spots & volunteer spots, contact **Pastor Carrie** at [cantczak@umcb.org](mailto:cantczak@umcb.org) or 440-234-3525 x105!



**EQUAL EXCHANGE**  
 OCTOBER 3  
 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. Learn more about Equal Exchange at [equalexchange.coop](http://equalexchange.coop).



Thanks for your continued support of this mission!

*Submitted by  
 Wendy Jelinek,  
 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 continue. 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.)

During the school year, single serving items such as fruit cups and cheese or peanut butter crackers are especially appreciated. This is also a great time to start donating items for holiday dinners such as green beans, mushroom soup, and canned pumpkin.

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.

**OCTOBER MONTHLY E-BIT:**

As fall approaches and we start to prepare our lawns for winter, there are benefits to mulching leaves into your lawn. Earthworms and microorganisms turn mulched leaves into usable organic matter which help your grass be healthier. For larger amounts of leaves, they can be used as mulch in plants beds or to add to a compost pile The ultimate in recycling!



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Also, throughout the year, there are many benefits to mulching grass clippings back into the lawn. It reduces time (no bagging required!) and it adds organic matter (e.

g. nitrogen) back into the soil to help your grass be healthier too. One reason you might not want to mulch grass clippings is if chemical pesticides and synthetic fertilizers are used often on the lawn. (Another reason to not use these items!)

For more information, visit <https://www.thespruce.com/the-benefits-of-mulching-2152975>.

*Submitted by Wendy Jelinek, Church and Society*



**The Caller**

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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:

