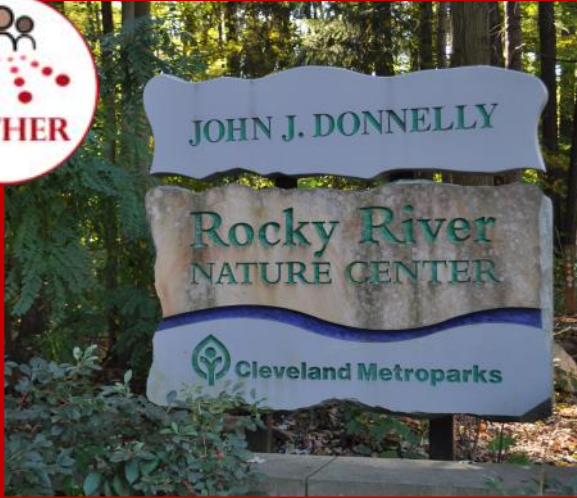




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SUNDAY AFTERNOON WALK
MARCH 13 AT 4 PM
THE ROCKY RIVER NATURE CENTER

Enjoy the beauty of God's creation, both outdoors and in each other! All are welcome to join us on Sunday, March 13 at 4 PM as we explore the trails around the Rocky River Nature Center.

If you plan to join us, please RSVP by the end of the day on **Thursday, March 10** to **Pastor Nathan** at **440-234-3525 x101** or nhowe@umcb.org.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP AS DISCIPLESHIP
SPOTLIGHT ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Through the waters of our baptism, God calls each of us to be faithful disciples, to grow to maturity in faith, and to engage actively in the ministry of making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. As we participate in this ministry together, servant leaders among us are called, equipped, and entrusted with the vital task of managing and deploying God's gifts through our congregation in the ongoing work of transforming our community and world.

The Finance Committee is one of those teams we entrust with this ministry of servant leadership among us. Handling God's money in the Church is a daunting task, to be sure. Our Finance Committee is charged with the responsibility of nurturing the financial viability of our church. Some of our responsibilities include: compiling an annual budget, raising income to meet the budget, counting and depositing the offering, disbursing funds, reporting to the annual charge conference, providing for an annual audit, and overseeing stewardship. We strive to maintain financial transparency, think missionally about budget and fundraising, and engage in financial best practices. The following are those servant leaders entrusted with this ministry in 2022:

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| Chairperson: | Carol Anne McCleery |
| Lay Member of the Annual Conf.: | Don Moody |
| SPRC Co-Chairpersons: | Barbara Peterson, Tom Marek |
| Treasurer: | Cindy McCowen |
| Finance Secretary: | Maryann Herron |
| Members at-large: | Condit Dibble, Leslie Douglas, Bill Pierce |

We will continue to report to Church Council and the congregation and provide updates and information in future issues of the *Caller*.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol McCleery, Chairman, Finance Committee

CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING

LENT 2022



Our Lenten Focus for this year is “practices” - in all discipleship age groups you will see opportunities for us to practice the presence of God in a variety of ways.

Throughout Lent and specifically during Holy Week, children will be invited to explore different spiritual practices during children’s church. This will be a sensory exploration of the season.

Adults are encouraged to start a new spiritual practice of group study by joining *Animate: Practices* (see page 5), or any other small group experience. Talk with Pastor Carrie if you’d like guidance in choosing a group.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

One way we invite you to reflect on “Practices” is by contributing to the daily devotional email that will be sent out each day in Lent. Keeping with the tradition of producing our own church-written devotional, this ministry will come straight to your email inbox each morning. To receive this devotional, visit our website at www.umcb.org and subscribe on the left column of the home page.

If you’d be interested in sharing your reflection on practices or prayer, please email **Pastor Nathan** (nhowe@umcb.org) to select a day. You may choose a Scripture on your own, or ask for suggestions from the lectionary. Write a simple reflection and a short prayer if you choose. Send back to Pastor Nathan well in advance of the day you’ve selected.

WANT MORE ON SPIRITUAL PRACTICES?

Follow Spiritual Formation Ministries of East Ohio: <https://www.facebook.com/SpiritualFormationEOC>.

Each Monday in Lent, a new guest will share a spiritual practice you may want to try out.

Teaser: Pastor Carrie is one of those guests!

LENT 2022 WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNINGS

9 AM, SANCTUARY AND ONLINE AT WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/UMCBEREA/LIVE

11 AM, WESLEY HALL

Join us in worship throughout the season of Lent as we prepare to celebrate Easter and to live more fully as Easter people: as God’s children raised into a fuller, more loving way of life. All are welcome to join us!



AshWednesday

MARCH 2

NOON, SANCTUARY &

7 PM, SANCTUARY AND ONLINE AT WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/UMCBEREA/LIVE

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, this year on March 2. Join us in the Sanctuary at noon for an abbreviated worship service or in the Sanctuary or online at 7 PM for a worship service including music and Holy Communion. Both worship services will include the imposition of ashes as a sign of our mortality and intent for our hearts and lives to be changed.

Lectionary: Joel 2.1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51.1-17 (UMH 785); 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10; Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21

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Palm Sunday

APRIL 10

9 AM, SANCTUARY & ONLINE
11 AM, WESLEY HALL

Palm/Passion Sunday begins Holy Week by embodying its sharp contrasts. In the palm procession, we experience the joyous inaugural parade of Jesus as he enters Jerusalem. In the concluding reading of the Gospel, we are confronted by the story of Jesus' passion or suffering. By this sharp contrast, we are reminded of our various seasons of faithfulness: that our lives of faith are filled with both suffering and joy, times of following Jesus closely and times of falling away. Also on this festival day this year, the Baldwin Wallace University Treble Choir will participate in our 9 AM worship service, marking the conclusion of BWU's annual Bach Festival.

*Lectionary: Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 31.9-16 (UMH 764);
Philippians 2.5-11; Luke 22.14-23.56 or Luke 23.1-49*



Maundy Thursday

APRIL 14

7 PM, SANCTUARY

On Maundy Thursday, named for the command or "mandate" Jesus gives all disciples to love one another, we remember Jesus' example of servanthood and celebrate the Lord's Supper. The worship service concludes with the ancient practice of stripping the altar table as a dramatic demonstration of Jesus' abandonment during the events of this night and Good Friday. Worship on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are celebrated as one continuous worship service. The 7 PM worship service will meet in the Sanctuary.

*Lectionary: Exodus 12.1-14;
Psalm 116.1-4, 12-19 (UMH 837);
1 Corinthians 11.23-26; John 13.1-17, 13b-35*



Good Friday

APRIL 15

NOON, MEET AT COE LAKE
7 PM, SANCTUARY

Good Friday is the second of the Great Three Days—or *Triduum*—consisting of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. The noon worship service on this day will be a cross walk in collaboration with the Berea Area Churches. We will meet at the Kiwanis Pavilion at Coe Lake at noon, walk a short route through downtown Berea while carrying the cross and reading scripture, and conclude with a brief worship service back at the Kiwanis Pavilion. The 7 PM worship service will be in a form called *Tenebrae*, or a "Service of Shadows," based on a 12th-century extended meditation on the passion of Christ. The invitation of this day is to draw near Jesus' cross and to join him, as closely as we are able, in his experience of suffering, abandonment, and death.

*Lectionary: Isaiah 52.13-53.12; Psalm 22 (UMH 752);
Hebrews 10.16-25; John 18.1-19.42*



Holy Saturday

APRIL 16

7 PM, SANCTUARY

Holy Saturday is the third of the Great Three Days, and our worship this day concludes the service begun on Maundy Thursday and continued on Good Friday. Before the triumph and celebration of Easter Sunday, this is a day to hold silence, to be still and know God's presence, and to remember that we are always waiting for the fullness of God's promised resurrection. Join us in worship at 7 PM in the Sanctuary.

*Lectionary: Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Isaiah 55:1-1; Romans 6:3-11; Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 or Psalm 33 (UMH 767);
Isaiah 12:2-6; Psalm 114 (UMH 835); Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13; Ezekiel 36:24-28; Luke 24:1-12;
Psalm 46 (UMH 780); Psalm 42 (UMH 777);
Genesis 22:1-18; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 16 (UMH 748);
Psalm 143 (UMH 856); Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21;
Exodus 15:1b-18 (UMH 135)*



CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS

Janet Angus	Christine McMillin
Betty Atherton	Betty Miller
Barbara Beihl	Rev. Cal Myers
Heidi Blue	Donna O'Brien
Carol Bodle	Donald Powers
Wilda Donegan	Lou Russell
Carol & Bruce Forster	Russ Sanderson
Carol Heskett	Ron Teutsch
Jan Heter	Carol Thompson
Elenore Long	Kathleen Wargelin

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)

MILITARY

J.D. Ferut (grandson of Gerry & Jo Boggs)
 Ryan Hopkins
 Bill Lambert (son-in-law of Corky Cline)
 Josh Lambert (grandson of Corky Cline)
 Ben Lebrun
 Zachary New (grandson of Bob & Jackie King)

WE REACH OUT IN

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND LOVE...

... To Ginny Nelson and the family and the friends of her husband, Frank, who went on to rest in God's eternal peace on February 19, 2022.

... To the family and the friends of Rev. Dr. Mark Collier, who went on to rest in God's eternal peace on February 7, 2022.

... To Al Swanson and the family and the friends of Jo Swanson, who went on to rest in God's eternal peace on January 29, 2022.

... To Lin Rowland and the family and the friends of Dean Rowland, who went on to rest in God's eternal peace on January 24, 2022.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Debbie and Augie (parents of Stacey Antczak)
 Wanda Baulin (sister of Wilda Donegan)
 Marc Bittinger
 Max & the Conway Family (grandson of Rollin and Anne Conway)
 Susan Davidson (sister of Robert Haas)
 David Dawley (Nephew of Ron & Dorene Larkey)
 Amy Marie Dziak (daughter of Marlynda Dziak)
 Anthony Echols (grandson of Georgiann Baesel)
 Spencer Gehring
 Sylvie Isgro-Schicker
 Paul Luster (Friend of Orley & Julie Aten)
 Joan Mraz (friend of Nancy Schillace)
 Jeremy Piper
 Janice Pitzer (sister of Jean Brennieson)
 Chet Talarczyk (husband of Judy Talarczyk)

PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER REQUESTS

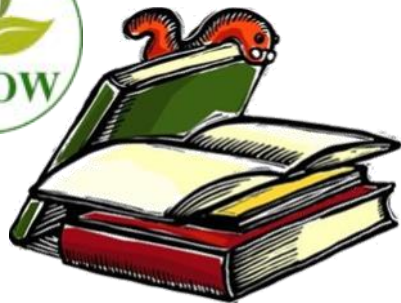
Please contact **Pastor Nathan** at
440-234-3525 x101 or nhowe@umcb.org
 if you would like to schedule an individual time to talk
 or if you have a specific prayer request.

You can also submit prayer requests
 on our website at www.umcb.org/worshipresources
 or by emailing the church office at info@umcb.org.

**HOW CAN WE
 PRAY FOR YOU?**

To receive Prayer Concerns by email, visit our website at www.umcb.org and subscribe on the left column of the home page.

CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING



UPCOMING BOOK DISCUSSIONS

At the heart of our discipleship journey—growing in our love of God and neighbor—is the ongoing challenge and opportunity to perceive ourselves and each other more fully and more truly as God’s beloved children. Please join us via Zoom for one or more of these conversations around books that can help us grow in this sacred work.

*BIASED: UNCOVERING THE HIDDEN PREJUDICE THAT SHAPES
WHAT WE SEE, THINK, AND DO*

BY JENNIFER L. EBERHARDT

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 6:30 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

How do we perceive one another? What biases are ingrained in ourselves, our institutions, and our communities? With a perspective that is simultaneously scientific, investigative, and informed by personal experience, Jennifer Eberhardt—a social psychologist at Stanford University—offers us the language and courage we need to face one of the biggest and most troubling issues of our time: the biases that cloud our perception of one another. Each of us is vulnerable to bias, but we are not doomed to live under its grip.

MADE FOR GOODNESS: AND WHY THIS MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

BY DESMOND TUTU AND MPHOTO TUTU

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 6:30 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

Archbishop Desmond Tutu witnessed and lived through some of the world’s most difficult moments, fighting for decades against the racist government policy of apartheid and serving worldwide as an ambassador of peace amid political, diplomatic, and natural disasters. And yet, those who knew him also found him to be one of the most joyful and hopeful people they had ever encountered. In *Made for Goodness*, a 2011 book co-authored with his daughter, Mpho, who also is an ordained Anglican priest, Tutu argues that God has made us for goodness, and when we walk in the direction of this calling, God is there always to meet us, encourage us, and embrace us. Together, father and daughter offer an inspiring message of hope with the power to transform readers into activists for change and blessing in the world.

THE WHOLE LANGUAGE: THE POWER OF EXTRAVAGANT TENDERNESS

BY GREGORY BOYLE

TUESDAY, MAY 24, 6:30 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

Gregory Boyle is a Jesuit priest and author who, for over thirty years, has helped transform thousands of lives through his work as the founder of Homeboy Industries, the largest and most successful gang-intervention program in the world. Based in his experiences in a community struggling to overcome challenges including systemic poverty and violence, Boyle’s newest book articulates a path toward remaining generous, hopeful, and tender, even in a context of despair.

To express your interest in participating in any of these discussions and to receive Zoom login information, please **Pastor Nathan** at 440-234-3525 x101 or nhowe@umcb.org.



ANIMATE: PRACTICES

STARTING THE WEEK OF MARCH 6

SUNDAYS 10 AM (CHAPEL), MONDAYS 7 PM (ZOOM), OR TUESDAYS 9:30 AM (ROOM 13, ZOOM)

Join us this Lent as we explore seven different ways to connect with God. This series belongs to the Animate curriculum, and pairs with Animate: Bible which we offered this winter. You need not have completed the Bible series to join us for Practices. Come with an open mind and heart as we explore traditions and rituals for reconnecting with God.

Cost is \$15. College student books are complimentary.

To register and reserve a book, contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.

TEACHING & LEARNING TOGETHER



MONDAY, MARCH 14, 6:30-8 PM, VIA ZOOM

We will meet March 14 at 6:30 PM via Zoom to discuss **How to Fly** by Barbara Kingsolver.

APRIL 11

The Personal Librarian

Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray

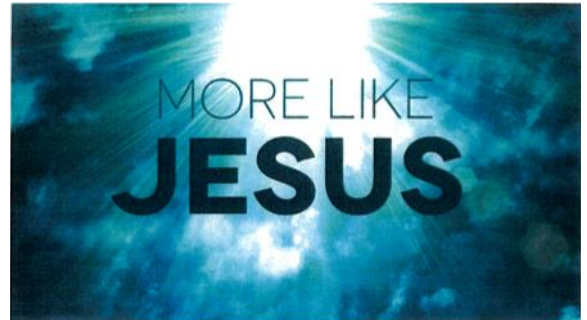
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Division 2

A.X. McMillan

For more information and the Zoom link, please contact **Betsy Meikle** at

meiklebetsyj@gmail.com or 440-243-5767.



A WOMEN'S RETREAT

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 7-9 PM AND SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 9 AM - 3 PM

Cost is \$25.00.

Check made out to **Mary Lynn Swartz**.

Please complete registration form below and send it with your check to Mary Lynn Swartz.

Questions? Contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at marylynn482@gmail.com or 440-409-5931.

More Like Jesus - A Women's Retreat Registration

Return with check (\$25) to: *Mary Lynn Swartz, 482 Woodmere Dr., Berea, OH 44017*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Dietary Needs or Restrictions: _____

What to Bring: The book **Get Your Life Back** by John Eldridge, Bible, and Journal.
A snack to share for Friday night





ECUMENICAL YOUTH GROUP - EXTREME EASTER EGG HUNT

MARCH 27

5 PM, WESLEY HALL

It's Easter Egg Season!
Join us March 27 at 5 PM for a
Teen-level Easter Egg hunt!

Open to 4th-12th grade.

Questions? Contact **Pastor Carrie** at
cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.

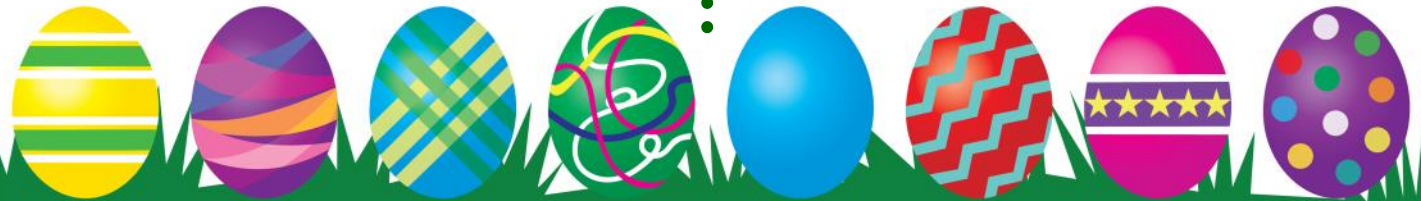
CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

PLACE DONATIONS IN THE BIN BY THE
OUTREACH BOARD NEXT TO ROOM 13

It's time to load up the kids on sugar... and small prizes! Our children's egg hunt will be **April 10**, and our Youth egg hunt, **March 27**.

The bin for your donations of candy and prizes is located by the outreach board.

Thank you for your sharing some joy and fun with our kids big and small!



TEACHING & LEARNING TOGETHER

GRIEFSHARE

TUESDAYS, 6:30 PM, VIA ZOOM

We are about in the middle of this session of GriefShare ... we have a good group and are willing to share with new people who want and/or need to learn that their feelings are ok and want to share their knowledge and concerns and joys with others.

GriefShare is a program to learn how to walk the journey of grief and be supported on the way, it is a place where grieving people find healing and hope ... share with others who are on the journey.

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






THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS, 6:30 PM, VIA ZOOM

Ladies, come learn more about the Women of the New Testament. Women of the New Testament is an exciting book, We are learning about some ladies, whom we don't know about, as well as some favorites, Elizabeth, Mary and sisters Mary & Martha ... do you think you really know these ladies?

Come join us and find out new information ... add to the general conversation, your thoughts Who was the Sinful Woman or who do you think Sapphira is or maybe you would like to discuss Lydia, Priscilla! Come join us and discuss these women and how they can help us in our everyday life

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

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, March 6, 2022</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">First Sunday IN LENT (Purple)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Deuteronomy 26.1-11</i> <i>Romans 10.8b-13</i> <i>Psalm 91.1-2,9-16 (UMH 810)</i> <i>Luke 4.1-13</i></p>	<p>For Reflection and Conversation:</p> <p>In today's Gospel, Jesus refuses to take control in the ways offered to him. Instead, he chooses another way to feed hungry people, to demonstrate God's beloved community, and to enter Jerusalem humbly. Why do you think Jesus chose these other ways to "do justice"? What are some of the ways that you practice justice in Jesus' name?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, March 13, 2022</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Second Sunday IN LENT (Purple)</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18</i> <i>Psalm 27 (UMH 758)</i> <i>Philippians 3.17-4.1</i> <i>Luke 13.31-35</i></p>	<p>For Reflection and Conversation:</p> <p>In Luke 13.35, Jesus refers to the coming declaration of his messiahship. Beyond our words, what are other ways that we can declare Jesus as messiah, the anointed one of God. How might you live as a testimony that Jesus truly is the one who comes in the name of God and reveals God's love?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, March 20, 2022</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Third Sunday IN LENT (Purple)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Isaiah 55.1-9</i> <i>Psalm 63.1-8 (UMH 788)</i> <i>1 Corinthians 10.1-13</i> <i>Luke 13.1-9</i></p>	<p>For Reflection and Conversation:</p> <p>This week's Gospel tells the story of a fruitless tree which the owner is ready to cut down. The gardener, however, asks for more time, wanting to tend and cultivate the soil. The gardener is open to a different future for the tree, beyond its present condition. Think about your own life in relationship to this story. What needs special tending? What will cultivate the soil of your daily life to provide for new growth?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, March 27, 2022</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Fourth Sunday IN LENT (Purple)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Josh 5.9-12</i> <i>Psalm 32 (UMH 766)</i> <i>2 Corinthians 5.16-21</i> <i>Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32</i></p>	<p>For Reflection and Conversation:</p> <p>Luke 15 often is referred to as the "heart of the gospel," or the "gospel in miniature." In what ways are you like the elder son in the story of a father and two sons? In what ways are you like the younger son? In what ways are you like the father?</p>

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, March 6):

Loving God, all night I have slept in your shadow,
sheltered by your grace.
As I enter into the gift of this new day,
I trust that you are with me.
May I see signs and wonders of your presence
all around me,
for you alone are God.
Help me to be open to all people you bring my way,
for you are Lord of all. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, March 6):

God, as the shadows fall, I rest in you.
Thank you for the faith that held me fast today.
Thank you, too, for the gift of every person:
a living sign of your grace.
I pray this night for all who seek you.
Be near to them and show them your salvation.
And in the morning, when I rise,
give me your work for another day;
in Jesus' name, Amen.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, March 13):

Dear God, I do not know all of the challenges
that will face me this day.
Whatever they will be,
remind me who I am,
satisfy me with your Holy Spirit,
and let me walk in the way of Christ,
so that my life testifies in deed and word,
"Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord." Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, March 13):

Dear God, great is your mercy to me,
even when I have not remembered you.
Where I have strayed from your path,
forgive my sins and show me your salvation.
Grant me rest this night
that I may rise refreshed in my commitment
to the way of Christ,
in whose name I live and pray. Amen.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, March 20):

Gracious God, this new day carries the potential
for growth and new life.
Help me to attend to those things in me
that need care and attention.
Sow your word in me
that I may grow in faithfulness and understanding.
Shake me out of dull routines,
so that I may take part in the good news
you continue to tell passionately. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, March 20):

As I lie down this night
in the shadow of your wings,
I know that you will be with me
even as you have helped me through this day.
When I am weary from the day
or the day has been a rich feast of blessings,
I give thanks for your power and glory,
present in every circumstances.
Surround me now with your love. Amen.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, March 27):

Loving God, in all I do this day,
use me as a sign of your reconciling love.
Let me not view others from a human point of view,
but let me perceive all whom I will encounter
with the mind of Christ,
through whom I live and pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, March 27):

Merciful God, if I have strayed from you this day,
call me back to your loving embrace.
If I have harbored resentment
for the grace you have given others,
correct me.
Help me claim in thought and deed
the inheritance of the saints who share with Jesus
compassion and forgiveness for all
who lose their way. Amen.



COLLEGE MINISTRY UPDATE

The Porch Community Campus Ministry has been officially started and registered as an official student group at Baldwin Wallace. Our beginnings have been slow, as was expected. We have been spending time getting to know students on campus and sharing more about who we are and what we hope to be. We ended our first semester with a Exam Week Study Break that went from 10 PM – Midnight and was held in Wesley Hall. We saw about 20 students participate in this event.

Beginning this semester, The Porch is meeting on Sunday evenings for small group as well as offering a group dinner time at the Student Union at 5PM on Tuesdays.

We have two student interns: Daniel Rittgers and Anna Wolfinger. If you have yet to meet our interns, you can usually find them in worship on Sunday mornings at the 11 AM service.

Thank you for your prayers and I would ask you to continue to lift this ministry up as we continue to reach students with the love of God.

Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison,
Porch Campus Minister
tmorrison@bw.edu

METANOIA MEALS

As part of the Metanoia Project, which provides warming centers to Clevelanders experiencing homelessness, UMCB volunteers are serving home-cooked meals once a month at the Franklin Circle Christian Church in Ohio City. There are 15 people sheltered in the church during the winter months. On Thanksgiving we served a satisfying turkey dinner generously provided by members of our congregation. In January we brought a chili supper which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. On February 20, the meal was prepared by the cooks at Messy Church and delivered by our volunteers.

Our last Metanoia supper this season will be on Sunday, April 3. On behalf of the Missions Committee, I want to express a heartfelt thanks to all the servants of Christ who have contributed food and drinks for these meals, and to our dedicated team of servers who have braved the inclement weather! This has been a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and service.

Laura Rushton,
Missions Committee Chair

Learn more about the Metanoia Project at <https://metanoiaproject.org/>.



Thank You

Dear Friends,

What a kind, heartwarming, and unexpected surprise our Grindstone staff received last week. Our entire staff was very appreciative of the sweet and thoughtful cards, notes, & messages with wonderful words of encouragement.

Thank you everyone so much.
Grindstone Elementary School

I would like to let you know how much I appreciate that you thought of me, and I really love my church mouse. I will put it on my dashboard of my car.

I will have you all in my prayers.

Sincerely,
Pam Kolis, Nutrition Services



P.S. - My husband and I were married in your church 30 years ago.

Dear UMC of Berea,

Thank you so much for your generosity! The Valentine card and gift card brightened up my day. Thank you for sharing light with our world.

Lea Smith, Music

Dear Members of the United Methodist Church of Berea,

We wanted to thank you for your kind notes and gift cards! It was such a nice surprise and comforting to know that we people thinking us and supporting us.

You made our day!

From,
The First Grade Teachers
& Intervention Specialists

Dear United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for the kind letter and gift card. It warmed my heart. Your kindness is very much appreciated!!

Blessings,
Cheryl Schneider

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR LOOSE CHANGE MISSIONS.

In January, \$242.27 was collected for UMCOR Sager Brown.

Your gift support missionaries who serve in all corners of the globe, make health care accessible to people all over the world, help churches sustain and expand their ministries, and provide material and spiritual relief in the face of disaster – both natural and man-made, Bolster the ministries of our partner organizations.

As of February 16, \$628.43 has already been collected for SCAN food pantry.

At SCAN, each person in every family receives a minimum of enough food for three meals for three days. Clients are assured confidentiality and may use SCAN to supplement any services they may receive from other food pantries or meal programs. Your gift helps ensure SCAN is able to provide this valuable nutrition to those experiencing food insecurity.



MESSY CHURCH - HOPE!

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 4-6 PM, WESLEY HALL

Bring your messy, bring your friends, and perhaps your gardening gloves! We'll be getting dirty, planting seeds, and waiting on God's hope to bloom in our lives. Messy Church is always fun, always free, and always a great place to make new friends and grow in faith! This all ages ministry seeks to build connections across our community and across generations - please consider joining us!

Questions or want to volunteer?

Contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.



LEAVE DONATIONS IN THE CUPBOARD BETWEEN THE NARTHEX AND THE LIBRARY

Please place donations of non-perishable food in the cupboard between the Sanctuary and the library anytime you are in the building. If you prefer, 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.



Cards of appreciation and encouragement for the staff at Aristocrat Berea will be our Love Your Neighbor mission project! Please write a note that could go to any staff member expressing your gratitude for caring for our aging neighbors. It's been more than a difficult season of caregiving - send your encouragement! Small gifts of tea, chocolate, pocket sized lotions, etc. are welcome. A box near the outreach board will be available to deposit your loving words and tokens of appreciation.

EQUAL EXCHANGE

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 10-11 AM, BY THE PARLOR



Visit our table by the Parlor on March 6 and stock up. Yummy chocolate minis are perfect for Easter baskets. Coffee or tea fits nicely in baskets too!

Learn more about Equal Exchange at equalexchange.coop.



MARCH LOOSE OFFERING BENEFITS BEREA COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The mission of Berea Community Outreach is to support residents and connect the community by lending a hand to make a difference. They strive to identify specific needs and provide services to the people who need it most with programs such as Berea Cares which mobilizes religious and civic organizations to serve the community.

Their programs include:

Senior Grass, Leaf and Snow Removal, Senior Wheels, Berea Cares, Housing Resource Office, Veterans Outreach Office, The Food Pantry, Dinner to Your Door, and The Backpack Food Program (provides a bag of food to food insecure students at Grindstone Elementary and Berea-Midpark High School).

You can also support this mission by either mailing in an offering, or donating electronically at www.umcb.org/donate using the "other" box and marking it "loose change offering".

Thank you for your generous support!



REGISTRATION FOR HELP BUILD HOPE IS OPEN! "WALL BUILD" - JULY 15-16

We will be working with Help Build Hope, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity in a "wall build" July 15 and 16. Community members of all ages (5-100) will have a variety of ways to participate in building the structure of a future Habitat home in our parking lot! **Registration to be a part of this mission is now open!**

We need about a third of our volunteers to join us on Friday to prepare and cut wood. Crew leaders will also be trained on Friday. The build will take place on Saturday. Many jobs will be available, including construction, leadership, hospitality, help with younger missionaries, and much more. Build is rain, shine, or heat, so come ready for the elements!

We know that this team will consist of our greater community in addition to our congregation. Yes, we're building a house in ONE day! So we need all hands on deck! (We have room for about 120!) Invite your friends, neighbors, and groups you're a part of to join us in this work. Our steering team is doing great work at inviting many different groups in our community, but we encourage you to do the same!

How will this be funded? Our steering committee is doing wonderfully at initiating local sponsorships. But your generous contributions are welcome and appreciated. Participants will be asked to make a nominal contribution, because we don't want funding to determine who can serve. Donations from local businesses and those in our congregation make that possible. You may write a check or donate online indicating "Help Build Hope" with your donation.

Stay tuned for more information as this mission develops! After you fill out your registration, I encourage you to begin praying for the family who will one day call this house, home sweet home. May God bless the work of our hands and hearts, that it may all bless this family we are yet to know, yet God knows and loves.

Register at <http://www.helpbuildhope.com/umcberea>!



THE CREATION JUSTICE TEAM IS EXCITED TO SHARE DETAILS OF OUR CREATION JUSTICE FAIR TO BE HELD ON APRIL 23, 2022.

Creation Justice Fair Saturday, April 23



Two rain barrel workshops will be offered at 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM. Jared Bartley, CFM, Deputy Director – Education & Watersheds for Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District will be leading the workshop, which will last approximately one hour. The cost of the workshop is \$60.00 and all equipment to complete your barrel will be provided. To participate in a workshop you'll need to:

1. Check with your City's Building Department to understand their regulations and/or need for a permit.
2. Sign up and pay for the workshop at Cuyahoga S&WCD website:
 - 11:30 AM workshop <https://cuyahogaswcd.org/events/2022/04/23rain-barrel-workshop-at-umc-of-berea-earth-day--1130am>
 - 1:30 PM workshop <https://cuyahogaswcd.org/events/2022/04/23rain-barrel-workshop-at-umc-of-berea-earth-day--130pm>

Please note: You will need to take your 60-gallon barrel (approximately 3'x5') home with you the day of the Fair

UMW will lead the plant sale supporting the United Methodist Women Missions. The plants will be cuttings from their houseplants and spring shoots from perennials in their gardens. Details about donating plants will be in the April Caller.

The Children's Station will include a book walk "When Jesus Laughs" by Latricia Edwards Scriven, PhD. The book celebrates God's Creation. We will use the walk and other activities to teach children about "Keeping Jesus Laughing" by learning the principles of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

We are also excited to announce the Speakers - Meiring Borchers, *Watershed Team Leader, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS)*, Liv Randall, *Development Specialist, US Together*, Anna Kiss Mauser-Martinez, *Executive Director, City Fresh*, and Pearl Chen, *Fellow, InterReligious Task Force on Central America and Colombia*.

All organizations providing speakers will also be hosting a table. If you cannot make the presentation, be sure to stop by their table. Additional organizations that will host a table include: Citizen's Climate Lobby, Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District, an Ecologist, an Energy Table, Rocky River Watershed Council, Ohio Invasive Plant Council and National Wildlife Federation, Rust Belt Riders, Sustainable Berea, UMC, UMCB and UMW.

Details about the Speakers and Organizations that will be hosting tables can be found on the Creation Justice Fair page of our website: www.umcb.org/creation-justice-fair.org.

If you have any questions about the training or the Fair in general, please contact **Barb Dawson** at 440- 885-1672 or bdawson8531@sbcglobal.net or Pastor Nathan at 440-234-3525 x101 or nhowe@umcb.org.

**REMEMBER OR HONOR A LOVED ONE
BY SUPPORTING OUR GLOBAL PARTNERS IN MISSION THIS EASTER.**

This Easter, we are inviting you to give missionally and fill our worship space with symbolic new life in the form of seed paper butterflies. Each butterfly will represent a donation made in memory or honor of a person of your naming. The funds donated will support the important ministry of our global partners in mission. (There will be some lovely flowers decorating our worship space as well.)

Cambodia - *The United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries in Cambodia launched a new ministry in 2021 called the "Shine Project." This ministry provides vocational training for young women, ages 16-25, who are unable to attend university due to a lack of money. Through the Shine Project, participants receive training and licensure in trades such as cooking and cosmetology, opening avenues to economic empowerment.*

Guatemala - *Our Guatemalan mission supports women who live in the mountains and have little access to paid work. We help the women create small businesses. Most businesses are a single farm animal, most commonly, cattle. The women strive to produce the healthiest animals possible, including the construction of shelters to protect them. Our church funds the concrete for the floors. The women and their families provide the roofing and other materials. Our church and the women each contribute something different but "it is the same God at work." I Corinthians 12:6c (NIV).*

Request butterflies by **Wednesday March 30** online at www.umcb.org/donate or by using the forms available at the back of each worship space. Your donation can be made by a check mailed to the church or online at www.umcb.org/donate with the memo "butterfly".

A full list of those remembered or honored will be included in the Easter bulletin as well as the May Caller. After Easter, we invite you to come take your butterfly from our display or request it be mailed to you. You can then plant your butterfly to enjoy lovely spring flowers. (Directions will be included for planting.)

As the Easter message spreads throughout the earth anew this year,
we pray to send our blessings on "wings" as well.



Butterfly Request Form

All forms and payments are due to the church office by Wednesday, March 30.

If donating online, please put the amount in the "other" category and specify "butterfly" as the description.

If mailing a check to the church office, please write "butterfly" on the memo line.

Name(s): _____ **Phone or Email:** _____

(in case we have questions)

My donation is made in

memory of: _____

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After Easter, I wish to...

- take my butterfly from the church display.
- request that my butterfly be mailed to me.

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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:

