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CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING

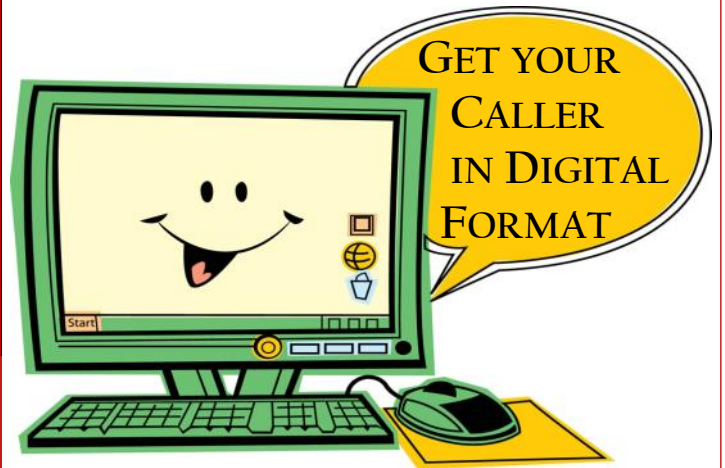
BE UMC:

RE-MEMBERING WHO WE ARE CONTINUING THROUGH SUNDAY, JULY 10

In November 2021, our United Methodist Council of Bishops adopted "A Narrative for the Continuing United Methodist Church." In this narrative, our bishops re-affirmed our identity as the people of The United Methodist Church as diverse and connected: "rooted in scripture, centered in Christ, serving in love, and united in the essentials."

During our worship together on four Sundays, June 19 through July 10, we are remembering and celebrating who we are as God's people called The United Methodist Church. Join us as we re-connect with our core values of:

- ◆ being a community of belonging and inclusion;
- ◆ experiencing God's love in our relationships with each other;
- ◆ building beloved community and caring for all of creation; and, in all these things,
- ◆ making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



...STARTING WITH THE SEPTEMBER 2022 CALLER!

Next month's Caller will be the final Caller sent by postal mail. Beginning with the September 2022 issue, this publication will move to digital format (by email) only for all those who are able to receive it that way.

For many of you, this is not a change. However, if you have internet access but are not already subscribed to receive the Caller delivered to your email inbox, please do so on the homepage of our website (www.umcb.org). We also suggest you add our email (info@umcb.org) to your address book. This helps your email server know that our communications are not spam.

If you do not have internet access, please contact the Church Office at 440-234-3525 x100 so we can make alternate arrangements to ensure that you stay connected and up-to-date on our opportunities for ministry.

Thank you for helping us
to care for God's Creation and
use the resources we are given wisely.



CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER CONCERNS

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Pat Sarka (Wesleyan Village, Elyria)
Barbara Scoon (Vista Springs, Parma)
Von & Marilyn Smith (Southwest Commons)
Ruth Vrana (Generations, Strongsville)

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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)

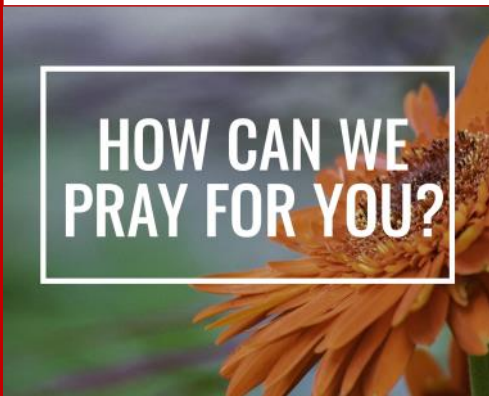
**WE REACH OUT IN
CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND LOVE...**

... to Julie and Orley Aten and their family. Julie's Brother in Florida as well as her Brother-in-law in Illinois went on to rest in God's eternal peace on June 14.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Wanda Baulin (sister of Wilda Donegan)
Dave & Jane Breakey (friends of the Brenneisons)
Marc Bittering **
Cheryl Cheff (mother of Corey Reams)
Max & the Conway Family (grandson of the Conways)
Dan Dietz (son of Joan Dietz)
AmyMarie Dziak (daughter of Marlynda Dziak)
Spencer Gehring
Sylvie Isgro-Schicker
Isaac Kowicki & Oliver Lawrence (great nephews of Cindy Osborn)
Lillian and Lucas (family friends of the Howes)
Joann Mraz (friend of Nancy Schillace)
Chet Talarczyk (husband of Judy Talarczyk)

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PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER REQUESTS

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or if you have a specific prayer request.

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or by emailing the church office at info@umcb.org.

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



2022 EAST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE
 JUNE 9-11, JOHN S. KNIGHT CENTER, AKRON

(For a full recap video and article from this year's session of the East Ohio Annual Conference, go to <https://www.eocumc.com/eoac22/index.html>.)

The 2022 session of the East Ohio Annual Conference met from June 9 to 11 in the John S. Knight Center in Akron with 448 clergy and 467 laity in attendance. This 53rd session of the East Ohio Annual Conference was the first in-person conference in three years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On the day before the annual conference began, Bishop Tracy S. Malone led nearly 150 clergy and laity in a 1.4-mile Walk for Our Lives against gun violence, beginning with a rally outside the John S. Knight Center and concluding with a vigil outside Family of Faith UMC. Go to <https://vimeo.com/showcase/9576964/video/718537002> for a brief video of this gathering.

The first day of the annual conference included a Service of Commemoration and Holy Communion which included the celebration of sixty-six clergy, spouses, and laity who had died since the 2021 annual conference. Bishop Tracy S. Malone offered an Episcopal Address to the clergy and laity of our conference (go to <https://vimeo.com/showcase/9576964/video/718891339> for a full video of this address). And the day concluded with a recognition of the retirement of twenty-eight clergy who served a combined 791 years in local church and extension ministry.

Business sessions included:

- a celebration of the Teach, Reach, Bless Campaign, which raised more than \$1.5 million to build and furnish a new residence hall for female students on the campus of Africa University in Zimbabwe (ground was broken for the new residence hall on April 12, 2022);
- a series of three teaching sessions focused on our annual conference vision by the Rev. Dr. Michael Beck, director of Fresh Expressions for the Florida Annual Conference of The UMC;
- reports from the EOC Connectional Ministries team highlighting the many ways that pastors, congregations, and faith communities are living love in their mission fields through worship, generosity and service, community formation, and advocating for justice and peace;
- the endorsement of two candidates for the episcopacy to the upcoming North Central Jurisdictional Conference (November 2-5 in Fort Wayne, Indiana);
- and the approval of two resolutions (statements of opinion by the annual conference) related to “reclaiming peace” and “ending the death penalty in Ohio.”

The annual conference concluded with a Service of Commissioning and Ordination during which two persons were commissioned and ten were ordained as full elders in The United Methodist Church. For a video of the full worship service, go to <https://vimeo.com/showcase/9576964>.

The 2023 session of the East Ohio Annual Conference is scheduled to meet
June 8-10, 2023 at the John S. Knight Center in Akron.

BELOVED NEIGHBORHOOD BIBLE SCHOOL - JUNE 2022



TEACHING & LEARNING TOGETHER



“Why Hello Neighbors! I’m so glad you could stop by on such a beautiful day in our beloved neighborhood! Did you know you are an important part of that beloved neighborhood? Yes, you - and you - and you! All of you!

I spent many many years telling children all over the world, just like you, that I like them just the way they are. And it’s true. But God LOVES you all, just the way you are.

God created you, you know. The way your face looks when it’s happy or sad. The way your body moves and dances and plays. God made your laugh and your singing voice. God made your heart too. All the ways you feel. All the ways you express yourself too. And God loves you, just the way you are.”





PRAYER FOR DAY FOUR:
“LOVING OTHERS”

*God, we thank you that we are made
in the image of love.
We thank you for the opportunities
we have to love others,
the same way you love us.
Be with us today as we go out
into the Beloved Neighborhood
to share that love.
And all of the Beloved Neighborhood said,
AMEN!*



THURSDAY NIGHT
BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAYS
6:30 PM, VIA ZOOM

We have begun studying the Parables. If you would like to know more about the ‘lost’ parables or the servant or even about the widow and the judge, please come and join us! Thank You!

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

GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP
CONTINUES WEDNESDAYS
6:30 PM, VIA ZOOM

Griefshare Support Group is a 13-week session filled with some reading, some questions, some laughter, and a few tears - all in the comfort of your home. Come meet some new friends who share the same concerns and thoughts as you might have. We will talk about feelings, about doubts, and about problems getting back to a new normal way of life.

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SHARING GOD'S LOVE

PRIDE
in the
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On behalf of the clients we serve at the SCAN Hunger Pantry, I thank you for your kind contribution to us. Your contribution in April of \$110 is very helpful. With your help, we will be able to continue to feed those in our communities who depend on us to help them.

Cordially,
Mitchell Gruber, Treasurer
SCAN Hunger Center Pantry

Dear Friends in Mission,

Thank you! The dear people you just helped with your gift (\$4200) to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be - *Thank you!*

Since 1940, UMCOR has served as the humanitarian agency of The United Methodist Church, providing disaster response and relief to areas impacted by natural and man-made disasters around the world. UMCOR responds to increasingly-frequent and destructive storms - sharing 100% of donated funds with those in need!

Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate genuine love for our neighbors.

Grace and Peace,
Roland Fernandes, General Secretary

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, July 3, 2022 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Green)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>2 Kings 5.1-14</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Psalm 30</i> <i>(UMH 762)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Galatians 6.(1-6) 7-16</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Luke 10.1-11, 16-20</i></p>	<p><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></p> <p>God heals and commands us to go out to go out into the world to heal others. How are you a healing person and presence in the lives of others? What situations around you need healing now? How can the church be an agent of healing?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, July 10, 2022 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Green)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Amos 7.7-17</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Psalm 82</i> <i>(UMH 804)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Colossians 1.1-14</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Luke 10.25.37</i></p>	<p><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></p> <p>How can we bear God's fruit in the world? How can we live out the commandment to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, July 17, 2022 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (Green)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Amos 8.1-12</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Psalm 52 or 82</i> <i>(UMH 804)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Colossians 1.15-28</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Luke 10.38-42</i></p>	<p><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></p> <p>How do you balance studying the Word and fostering a relationship with God while also serving others? How does each inform the other?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, July 24, 2022 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (Green)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Hosea 1.2-10</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Psalm 85</i> <i>(UMH 806)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Colossians 2.6-15 (16-19)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Luke 11.1-13</i></p>	<p><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></p> <p>Place yourself in the role of Gomer in this week's reading from Hosea. What does it mean and feel like to be in that position? What does the person of Gomer say to us about the character of God?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, July 31, 2022 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (Green)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Hosea 11.1-11</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Psalm 107.1-9, 43</i> <i>(UMH 830)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Colossians 3.1-11</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Luke 12.13-21</i></p>	<p><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></p> <p>Sometimes divine love includes judgment, but the judgment of God always is love. How do we get separated from that love? How do we forget that love? What can we do to remember it and to stay connected with it?</p>

<p>Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, July 3): Each morning when we wake up, O God, we are reminded of your presence. The light of the sun, the sounds of the birds: your creation serves as witness to your love. Transform our awe into praises this day that those around us can notice through us your living, loving presence. Amen.</p>	<p>Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, July 3): We have heard your voice, O God. Through smiles and words, through music and tears, we have heard your voice! Give us the comfort of your presence as we begin to move toward the end of this day. Allow us to have rest in your peace. Amen.</p>
<p>Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, July 10): Prepare my mind to listen to you, God. Prepare my heart to be filled with your love. Prepare my lips, that they will shout your praise. Prepare my soul, that I can be attuned to you. Prepare my whole being to feel your presence and to share your presence with others. Amen.</p>	<p>Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, July 10): We come to the end of the day and pray: let us love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our souls, with all our strength, with all our minds, and let us love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.</p>
<p>Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, July 17): God, help us to see you in everything we do, to hear you in everything we say. Remind us that your Holy Spirit is inside us, with us, and around us. And help us to work for and with all our sisters and brothers, giving kindness, sharing hope, and living out the faith you give. Amen.</p>	<p>Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, July 17): Today, O Lord, we have sat at your feet. We have listened to your words. We have been empowered by your teachings. Now help us to rest in you, that we might go out into the world tomorrow to serve and smile and love, to work and play and forgive, all in your name. Amen.</p>
<p>Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, July 24): Thank you, God of light, for waking me today. May I live wholly for you, that whatever I say and do might help make a path for your beloved community. Open my eyes and ears to your goodness and my heart to all your children. Amen.</p>	<p>Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, July 24): Thank you, Lord, for the gift of this day: its challenges and its blessings, its burdens and its delights. Forgive my failures, and refine my heart, that I may greet the new day to live more faithfully for you. Amen.</p>
<p>Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, July 31): Loving God, as I embark on the adventure of this new day, I will imagine you as my parent, teaching me to walk with cords of human kindness, a tether as you lead me along. Therefore, I will not fear failure or worry that I won't measure up. Your love is more than enough. Amen.</p>	<p>Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, July 31): Thank you, God, for the gift of this day. Thank you for bringing me home to you. As I fall asleep, help me to consider your steadfast love for me and for all. Amen.</p>



JOIN THE CREATION JUSTICE TEAM

The Creation Justice Team is beginning to plan additional Creation Justice events. If you are interested in learning more about Creation Justice and would like to participate, please contact:

Barb Dawson at 440 885-1672 or
bdawson8531@sbcglobal.net
 or **Pastor Nathan** at
 440 234-3525 x101 or nhowe@umcb.org.



Join Camp Do Good

DONATE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

THURSDAY, JULY 21

1 PM - 6 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

Come to give blood for a ticket to a Cedar Fair theme park of your choice, while supplies last!

Appointments are highly encouraged.

To schedule an appointment,
 go to RedCrossBlood.org
 and enter sponsor code: *CedarPoint*
 or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

DO YOU BELIEVE THAT CLEAN WATER IS A RIGHT?

If you do, please join with Drink Local Drink Tap (DLDT), a Cleveland nonprofit organization whose vision is "Inspiring the world to **carefully value and protect our water as a basic necessity of life**, in working toward clean water for people of the Greater Cleveland and in east Africa.

As United Methodists, we know that water is an important symbol in our relationship with God and all living things need water to live so we are called to protect this precious resource. Ways you can get involved with DLDT are to learn more about their organization and their activities on their website at <https://drinklocaldrinktapp.org/> and/or to participate in one of their upcoming Beach Clean-ups at Edgewater Park.

BEACH CLEAN-UPS

SATURDAYS JULY 23, AUGUST 13, AND SEPTEMBER 10

10 AM - NOON, EDGEWATER PARK

Enjoy the summer weather with your family near Lake Erie and partner with some new people to protect birds and fish and help clean up our great lake! Join DLDT for their summer beach clean-ups will be held from 10 AM - Noon on Saturdays July 23, August 13 and September 10. Registration is **required** for the clean-ups. Register at <https://drinklocaldrinktapp.org/engagement/beach-cleanups/>.

Wendy Jelinek for Church & Society



Feed the Kids



DONATIONS ACCEPTED IN THE BIN BY THE
OUTREACH BOARD (NEXT TO ROOM 13)
PACKING DAY - SUNDAY, JULY 24, 10 AM
(BETWEEN WORSHIP SERVICES)
SERVICE DAY - MONDAY, JULY 25, 5-7 PM

You are invited to join us helping to “Feed the Kids” this summer by providing for food insecure families. Over the school year, children receive free or reduced cost meals. However, summer can be a very challenging time for families without this assistance. Each Monday, churches and community organizations take turns providing “to-go” bags with easy to prepare food items for families. These bags are picked up from the old Smith Elementary building.

How you can help:

- Donate these items to the outreach bin: breakfast items (like pop-tarts, cereal), single-serve lunch/dinner items (like canned pasta, easy mac, cup-o-noodles, canned protein, soup, etc.), juice boxes, fruit cups or fruit pouches, and individually wrapped snacks. Also needed - clean, grocery-size brown paper bags. Keep in mind that easy to prepare or zero-preparation foods make it easier for children.
- Help assemble bags between worship services on Sunday, July 24 in Fellowship Hall
- Distribute Lunches on Monday, July 25, 5-7 PM. (Thanks to everyone who has already signed up! We just need a couple more!)

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

LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING

This month's loose change benefits Berea Animal Rescue Fund, the mission of Vacation Bible School! Join us in supporting our fellow beloved creatures by dropping your change in the offering plate, mailing in an offering, or donating electronically at www.umcb.org/donate using the “other” box and marking it “loose change offering”.

Your generosity towards is greatly appreciated.



FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS

LEAVE DONATIONS IN THE CUPBOARD
BETWEEN THE NARTHEX AND THE LIBRARY

We support our local food pantries on a continual basis. Please place donations of non-perishable food in the cupboard between the Sanctuary and the library anytime you are in the building. Deliveries to pantries are made regularly as we do our best to keep them stocked.

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.



MEET GUATEMALAN WOMEN
WHOSE FAITH HELPS THEM TO
IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THEIR FAMILIES
NOVEMBER 9-18, 2022

We invite you to join us on a trip to Guatemala November 9-18 of this year. Whether you have visited Guatemala before or not, the trip offers a chance to meet the women of the Association of Mam Christian Women for Development and become inspired by their hard work to improve their families' lives.

Faith binds the women together. It helps them overcome challenges. The chief challenge is ensuring their families have sufficient food, clean water, and adequate shelter. The women start small businesses from Association funds that they may use interest-free. They can, for example, use the funds to produce livestock. They buy calves or broiler chickens (that is, for consumption, not eggs), raise them, and sell them when they are mature. Once the women sell these products, they return the funds to the Association and keep the profit, the fruit of their labor.

The small businesses allow the women to provide income if their husbands or other family members fail to provide it. If they do provide support, the funds augment the family's income. Thus, the women and their family have more to eat, safe water, and improved shelter. Several members of our church are participating.

If you would like more information, contact **Cindie Moore** at cindiemoore@yahoo.com or (440) 506-7824.

More information as well as the interest questionnaire can be found at <https://www.umcb.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Guatemala-Trip.pdf>.



Building Partnerships • Building Relationships • Building Community
Building Homes

“WALL BUILD”

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JULY 15 & 16

REGISTER AT

WWW.HELPBUILDDHOPE.COM/UMCBEREA

A heartfelt thank you for all of the support this church has shown in bringing this mission to its final stage - actually building the house! With our fundraising nearly completed, we are ready to get to sawing, hammering, and praying over this future Habitat for Humanity home!

If you have not yet registered to join us in building July 15-16, there is still time! Go to: www.helpbuildhope.com/umcberea by July 10. Walk ups to the event will be welcome, but for our best planning, we ask that you register as soon as possible. We anticipate building on Saturday to end by early afternoon.

EQUAL EXCHANGE SALE

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 10-11 AM, BY THE PARLOR

Make delicious iced tea or coffee while caring for farmers and our environment. Stop by our table on **June 5** to see the variety of fairly traded options available. And learn more about Equal Exchange at equalexchange.coop.



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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:

