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**2022 BALDWIN WALLACE
BACK-TO-CLASS
GRAB-AND-GO BREAKFAST**

MONDAY, AUGUST 22
8:30 - 11 AM, IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH

Once again, we want to welcome back to Berea our neighbors from Baldwin Wallace University with a "grab-and-go breakfast" on their first day of classes. Your help in providing donations is key to our ability to offer this welcome. We are looking for items like Pop-Tarts, Nutri-Grain Bars, Nature Valley Granola Bars, bottles of water, and small bottles of juice or Gatorade.

Items can be dropped off in the collection bin located outside Room 13 by **Sunday, August 14.**

And if you would like to be part of the team who welcomes students in person, contact **Pastor Nathan** at **440-234-3525 x101** or nhowe@umcb.org by **August 14**, also.

Thank you for your generosity!

**DO YOU HAVE A PLETHORA OF
VASES IN YOUR CUPBOARD?**

Like many of us, you may have extra vases in you cupboard or closet just collecting dust. The florist who makes the lovely arrangements for our altar likes to use and reuse vases. By using vases donated to the church, he can also purchase more flowers for the arrangements our congregation has ordered. If you have larger vases (regardless of shape or color) that you would be willing to donate, they would be greatly appreciated.

You can leave donated vases on the table in the Sacristy (to the right of the Chancel area in the Sanctuary) or in the church office hallway.

Thank you!

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL
BLESSING**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21
9 AM & 11 AM SERVICES



Bring your backpack with you to worship on August 21 at either 9 or 11 AM worship, or to Messy Church for a special back-to-school blessing, including a backpack tag to remind of your God's peace throughout the year!



**THE CALLER
GOES
DIGITAL!**

Beginning with the September issue, this publication will move to digital format (by email) only for all those who are able to receive it that way.

If you received this Caller in your email inbox, you are all set. No need to do anything.

If you did not receive this Caller in your email inbox, please subscribe at www.umcb.org. We also suggest you add info@umcb.org to your contacts. 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.

CONNECTING, INVITING, & WELCOMING



CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS

- Janet Angus
- Julie Aten
- Betty Atherton
- Cass Beckman
- Barbara Beihl
- Heidi Blue
- Carol Bodle
- Wilda Donegan
- Carol & Bruce Forster
- Jan Heter
- Elenore Long
- Christine McMillin
- Betty Miller
- Rev. Cal Myers
- Donald Powers
- Lou Russell
- Russ Sanderson
- Mary Lynn Swartz
- Carol Thompson
- Kathleen Wargelin

MEMBERS AT HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

- Shirley Bedford (Independence Village)
- Ann Benson (Western Reserve-Medina)
- June Demmerle (Generations)
- Jack Irely (Renaissance)
- Janice Kavander
- Mary Lou McKissock (Kemper House, Strongsville)
- Pat Sarka (Wesleyan Village, Elyria)
- Barbara Scoon (Vista Springs, Parma)
- 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 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 Bittinger **
- 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)

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.

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Anniversary Celebration

CASS AND KARL BECKMAN ARE CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE!

Please join us to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, August 13 from 1:30-4 PM in the Gathering Place. Cake and refreshments will be served.

RSVPs are appreciated but not required. Please call or text (440) 319-7040.

OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION FOR DR. STEVE BAILEY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7
2-4 PM, ROCKY RIVER UMC
(19414 Detroit Road, Rocky River, OH 44116)

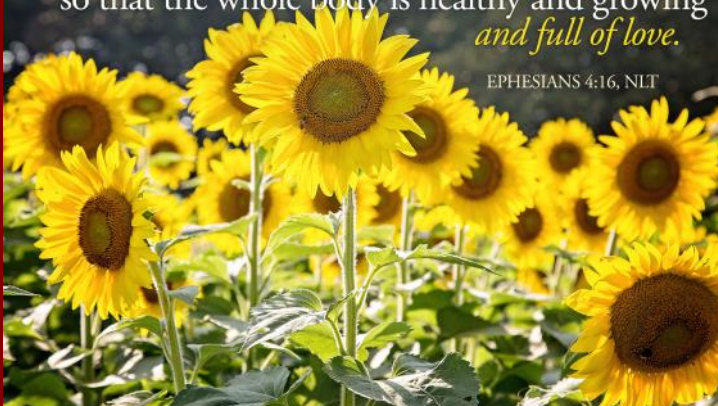
Join us to help celebrate and thank Dr. Bailey for his 8-year tenure as the North Coast District Superintendent, as well as share best wishes with him as he continues his ministry in the local church community and beyond. If you cannot attend but would like to send a card for Dr. Bailey to receive at the celebration, please mail to:

North Coast District UMC
Attn: Dr. Bailey Celebration
4700 Rockside Rd., Suite 300
Independence, OH 44131

(to be received no later than August 4)

As each part does its own special work,
it helps the other parts grow,
so that the whole body is healthy and growing
and full of love.

EPHESIANS 4:16, NLT



WE FED THE KIDS!

A big thank you to everyone who donated a huge pile of food, packed 125 bags in 25 minutes (team work!), and handed out three days worth of food to 113 children in need of food security.

The extra bags were donated to Second Mile Ministries.



Thank you for meeting this need, and living out our mission of discipleship which leads to transformation.

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ at Berea UMC,

Thank you for your generous donation of the laundry detergent during the 2022 East Ohio Annual Conference. Each donation is a blessing God uses to bless you and others. Your donation will leave Midwest Mission and be a practical example of God's love in the world to the "least of these". "The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sister of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25.40 (NIV)

It is due to your generosity and partnership with Midwest Mission that we can touch so many lives for Christ around the world and around the corner. Thank you so much for blessing others through the ministry of Midwest Mission!

Yours in Christ,
Chantel Corrie,
Executive Director



NEW 3-WEEK STUDY:
*KINGDOM DREAMS,
 VIOLENT REALITIES:
 REFLECTIONS ON GUN VIOLENCE
 FROM MICAH 4.1-4*

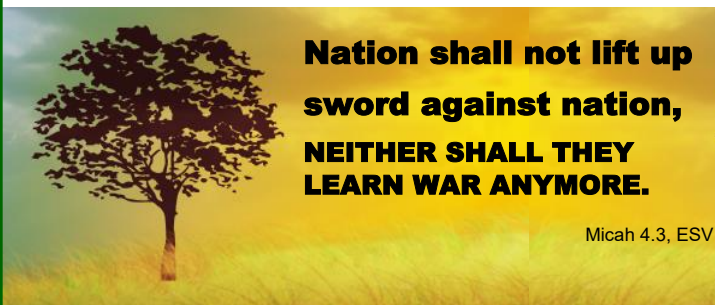
WEDNESDAYS AUGUST 3, 10, AND 17
 7 PM, ROOM 13

Throughout our scriptures and our faith tradition, we learn and are reminded that God deplores violence of every kind. Jesus calls us to be peacemakers. Yet the prevalence of guns in our nation makes violence both more deadly and more frequent. Domestic violence becomes more deadly when a gun is present in the home. Rates of suicide are higher in households where guns are accessible. If we hope to end the epidemic of gun violence, we need a cultural shift as well as a policy shift.

The prophet Micah casts a hopeful vision of the future in which nations will "beat their swords into iron plows, and their spears into pruning hooks" (Micah 4.3). In response to this vision, The United Methodist Church urges all "congregations to advocate at the local and national level for laws that prevent or reduce gun violence." As a part of our congregation's faithful response, you are invited to join us for a three-week Bible study prepared by the General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church and based on Micah 4.1-4. We will meet on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM in Room 13, August 3, 10, and 17.

For more information or to express your intent to participate, please contact **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101.

All are welcome. Please join us.



Faith Formation

*Growing Together
 in Christ*

FAITH FORMATION PREVIEW CHURCH OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Are you ready to take new steps in faith this fall? We are excited to be offering several faith formation options, and opportunities to invite friends to explore their faith.

On September 11, we will host an "open house" (what we used to call Rally Day) to encourage folks to come back to church, try out church for the first time, or just get back in the groove of faith community. Stay tuned for more details on this! In the meantime, begin to think and pray about who you can reach out to with an invite.

We are looking forward to offering children's Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth Group experiences, and several adult small group experiences including: Animate: Faith, FaithLink, Sunday Morning Scripture Reflections, Women's Bible study, Tuesday morning Bible study, and perhaps more.

If you feel led to help start a new group, or assist in leading a class, please reach out to **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105 to discuss more.



TEACHING & LEARNING TOGETHER

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS, 6:30 PM, VIA ZOOM

Come join us and learn new ideas and lessons from the Parables ... did you know about the money and self worth or the wise and foolish virgins? We can learn lessons from these parables, that we wouldn't usually think about ..

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

GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP

NEW CLASS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

Thank You for this class and look for our next one starting in September ... This class has been awesome in their sharing and wanting to share new ideas with one another.

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

AND BE ON THE LOOKOUT - Two new separate classes onsite for learning more about GriefShare are coming. More information will be shared in our communications in the coming months.

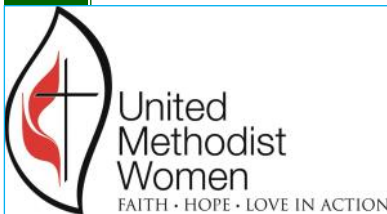


READ & GROW BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 6:30-8 PM, VIA FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Read and Grow book club will start in September on the second Tuesday of each month in Fellowship Hall from 6:30-8 PM. Our first book discussion is on Sept. 9, **The World That We Knew** by Alice Hoffman. On Oct. 10 we will discuss **The Oysterville Sewing Circle** by Susan Wiggs

For more information and the Zoom link, please contact **Betsy Meikle** at meiklebetsyj@gmail.com or 440-243-5767.



SAVE THE DATE - UMW VENDOR/CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 10 AM - 4 PM

We're b-a-c-k...Yes, that's right. UMW is bringing back some "oldies, but goodies". UMW is hosting a Vendor/Craft Fair on Saturday, October 29 from 10 AM- 4 PM. We'll feature a variety of vendors with goodies for sale, gift baskets for auction, and our "special recipe" chili.

Start making your shopping list, gather your items, and donate a gift basket and join us for chili.

If you have any questions, please contact **Carol McCleery** at 440-234-9078 or mcmanistee7250@gmail.com.

As always, ALL profits benefit our missions. Thank you for your encouragement and support.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, August 7, 2022</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Green)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Isaiah 1.1, 10-20</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Psalms 50.1-8, 22-23 (UMH 783)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Luke 12.32-40</i></p>	<p><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></p> <p>What does it mean to be ready for Christ's coming? In what sense is the coming fullness of God's beloved community like "a thief in the night" (Luke 12.39)?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, August 14, 2022</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Green)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Isaiah 5.1-7</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Psalms 80.1-2, 8-19 (UMH 801)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Hebrews 11.29-12.2</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Luke 12.49-56</i></p>	<p><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></p> <p>How do you reconcile a sense of division within yourself and in the world with the unity we are promised as God's people? What sustains you in times of disconnection or conflict? Identify some occasions in your life when you have been able to recognize the invitation to reconciliation and wholeness.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, August 21, 2022</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Green)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jeremiah 1:4-10</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Psalms 71:1-6 (UMH 794)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Hebrews 12:18-29</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Luke 13:10-17</i></p>	<p><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></p> <p>When are times that you are not open to God's healing? How does the knowledge of God's love and care for you open you more to God's healing? How do you seek God as a refuge in your daily life?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, August 28, 2022</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Green)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jeremiah 2:4-13</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Psalms 81:1, 10-16 (UMH 803)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Luke 14:1, 7-14</i></p>	<p><i>For Reflection and Conversation:</i></p> <p>How does your experience of daily life prevent you from fully embracing the call to serve with humility? How can you seek out the stranger in your community? When have you realized that you were doing God's work, only after the fact?</p>

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, August 7):
Holy God, at your word the sun rises to greet us,
and we are made new each morning.
Be with me as I begin this new day,
that my faith would be reckoned as righteousness,
and my works would find favor in your sight.
Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, August 7):
Holy God, at the setting of the sun
I am reminded of my need for your grace.
Help me to be more faithful to justice,
more truthful in love,
and ever mindful of your mercy
in the days to come. Amen.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, August 14):
Lord of Life, we greet this new day
sustained by the great cloud of witnesses
who praise your name with us.
Give us perseverance and joy
so that we may come to the end of the day
confident in your presence
and aware of your blessings. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, August 14):
God of Hope, confirm for us at the close of the day
the fulfillment of your promise of provision.
Release our concerns for things done and undone.
Give us your peace so that we rise refreshed
to serve you with openness and love.
Amen.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, August 21):
God of life and love,
we come to this new day
refreshed from the refuge of sleep and rest.
Sustain us in the coming hours,
that we might return this evening
inspired by your witness in the world
and having done your will. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, August 21):
Lord and keeper of our days,
give us your rest this night.
Release from us the burdens of the day.
Awaken us, refreshed for your service at the dawn,
faithful in our praise and thanksgiving.
Amen.

Morning Prayer (week of Sunday, August 28):
God, in the freshness of the new day,
help us to retain clarity of vision
that we might seek the honor of your community
rather than the honor of our peers.
Sustain us throughout the day
that we might return to you filled by the grace
of your spirit. Amen.

Evening Prayer (week of Sunday, August 28):
God of compassion,
help us to release the regrets of this day.
Refresh us in our sleep,
that we might rise in the morning
confident in your love
and strengthened in our faith. Amen.



MID-YEAR GIVING UPDATE

JULY 2022

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, COMPASSION, & JUSTICE

During the first half of 2022, we have experienced and communicated God's grace with our neighbors in countless ways as we have remained committed to our mission to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We have offered both in-person and online worship opportunities for an expanding community to gather in celebration of God's presence. We have broadened community partnerships and deepened our commitment to care for the goodness of God's creation through our first Creation Justice Fair and ongoing ministry through our creation justice ministry team. We have continued our Messy Church ministry, connecting with a diverse group of families. We have developed our Baldwin Wallace University campus ministry, growing relationships with college students in our neighborhood. We have shared God's love with forty-five children and their families through our Vacation Bible School ministry. And we have welcomed new members into the life of our congregation while also celebrating the lives of saints whose faithful legacy we now seek to continue.

With deep gratitude for your participation in the many ministries of our congregation throughout the first half of 2022, please prayerfully consider your continued support of our mission, including through your financial generosity, in the second half of this year. While 2022 has been filled with so many blessings and opportunities to serve and connect with our neighbors, we also know that many of us are experiencing challenges: socially, emotionally, and financially. We are experiencing that financial strain in the life of our congregation, also. Even as many of our ministries have grown and expanded during the first half of this year, we also have experienced a decrease in financial giving. For January through June 2022, our total income was \$209,660, compared to \$237,791 for the same period in 2021 and our 2022 budget of \$237,030 for this first half of the year.

If you are currently not in a position that you can support our ministries financially, please know that we value all the other ways you contribute to our life together: through your prayers, presence, service, and witness. However, if you are able to give an increased contribution during the second half of 2022, please know that it will be a significant investment in the impact God is calling us to make toward building beloved community in Berea and beyond. Thank you for your prayerful generosity and participation.

Peace,
Nathan Howe, Pastor
Maryann Herron, Finance Secretary
Carol Anne McCleery, Finance Committee Chair



Homework Helpers

HOMESCHOOL HELPERS NEEDS YOU!

We are hoping to offer our Homework Helpers tutoring program again this fall - but we need more helpers and tutors! Last year, we built relationships with 22 students, and we'd love to continue this ministry!

If you have any experience working with students, and are available Wednesdays 5-6 PM beginning in September, please reach out to **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105 to learn more!



MESSY CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21
4 PM, WESLEY HALL

Join us August 21 for our Back-to-School Messy Church beginning at 4 PM! Invite your friends and family to join us as we get excited and encouraged for the year ahead!

This month's Loose Change Offerings support the ministry of Messy Church whose mission is to invite our community to share fun, be together, and meet Jesus. This Messy Church is beginning it's 6th year of ministry and we couldn't be more excited! Join us in supporting this important outreach 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".

If you're interested in joining this fun ministry, please contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x105** to learn more about how you can be involved.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR TEACHERS

DONATIONS CAN BE PLACED IN THE BIN UNDER THE OUTREACH BOARD NEAR ROOM 13

This month, we are collecting school supplies for the teachers and staff at Grindstone Elementary, our partner school. Each year, teachers have to spend too much money out-of-pocket to supply their classrooms and students who come lacking all of the needed supplies. We can support our community by donating these items this month:

- Glue Sticks
- Antibacterial Wipes
- Dry Erase Markers
- Pre-sharpened pencils
- Gallon-sized plastic bags
- Crayons
- Tissues
- Children's Headphones (an expensive item on kids' lists that some can't afford.)
- Gift Cards to Target/Walmart/Dollar Tree (donated in the financial office mail slot)
- Notes of Encouragement

Thank you!

DRINK LOCAL DRINK TAP BEACH CLEAN-UPS

SATURDAYS 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 August 13 and September 10.

Registration is **required** for the clean-ups. Register at <https://drinklocaldrinktap.org/engagement/beach-cleanups/>.

Wendy Jelinek for Church & Society

EQUAL EXCHANGE SALE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7
10-11 AM, BY THE PARLOR

Make delicious iced tea or coffee while caring for farmers and our environment. Stop by our table on **August 7** to see the variety of fairly traded options available. Learn more about Equal Exchange at equalexchange.coop.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, COMPASSION, & JUSTICE

Thank you so much for your heart, soul, and hard work during Help Build Hope weekend!
It was such a joy to serve alongside you!
Here are just a few of the amazing moments of joy!





Check out www.umcb.org/galleries for more great pictures!

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We live into our mission by:

